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ABOUT SPIDER-MAN'S PARENTS!**

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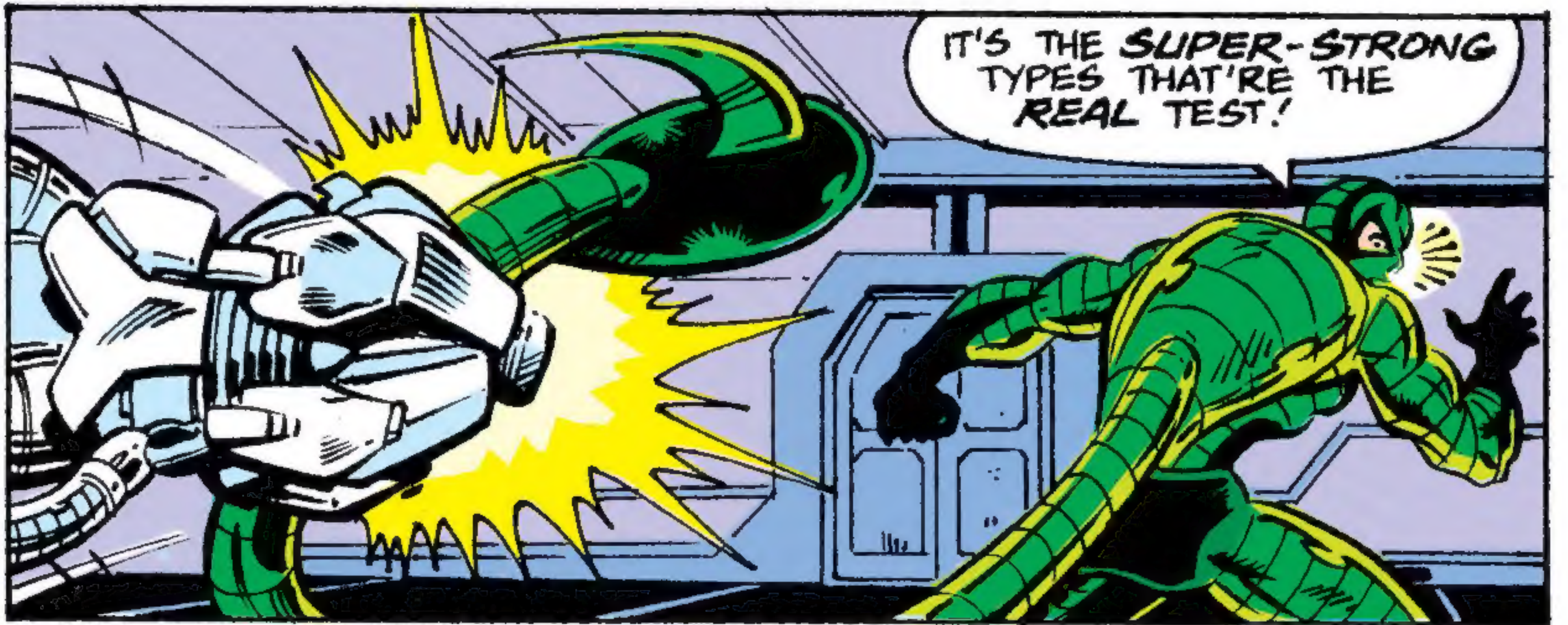
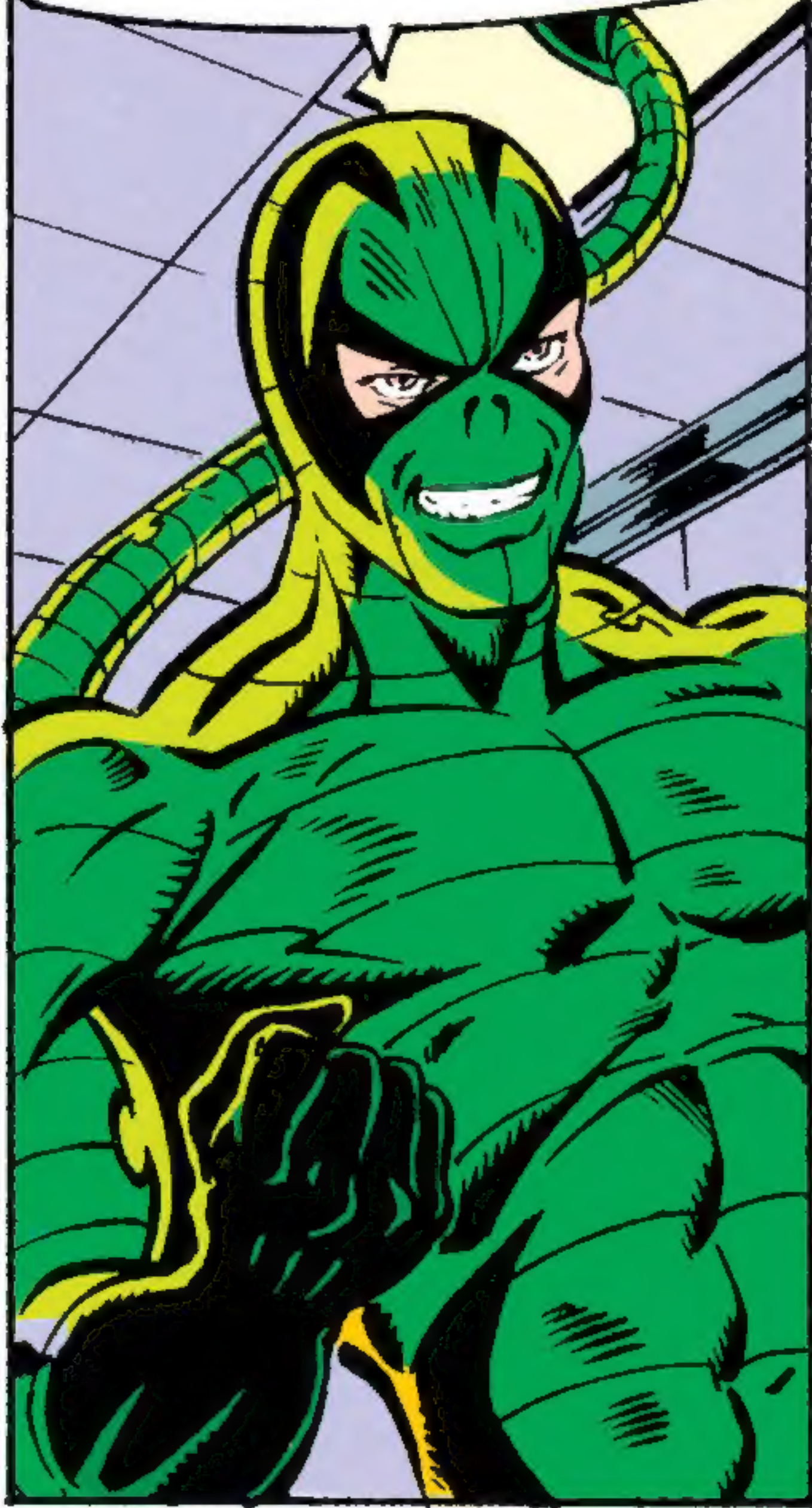
**INVASION OF THE
SPIDER-SLAYERS
PART THREE OF SIX!**

BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, STUDENT PETER PARKER GAINED THE PROPORTIONATE STRENGTH AND AGILITY OF AN ARACHNID! ARMED WITH HIS WONDROUS WEB-SHOOTERS, THE RELUCTANT SUPER HERO STRUGGLES WITH SINISTER SUPER-VILLAINS, MAKING ENDS MEET, AND MAINTAINING SOME SEMBLANCE OF A NORMAL LIFE!

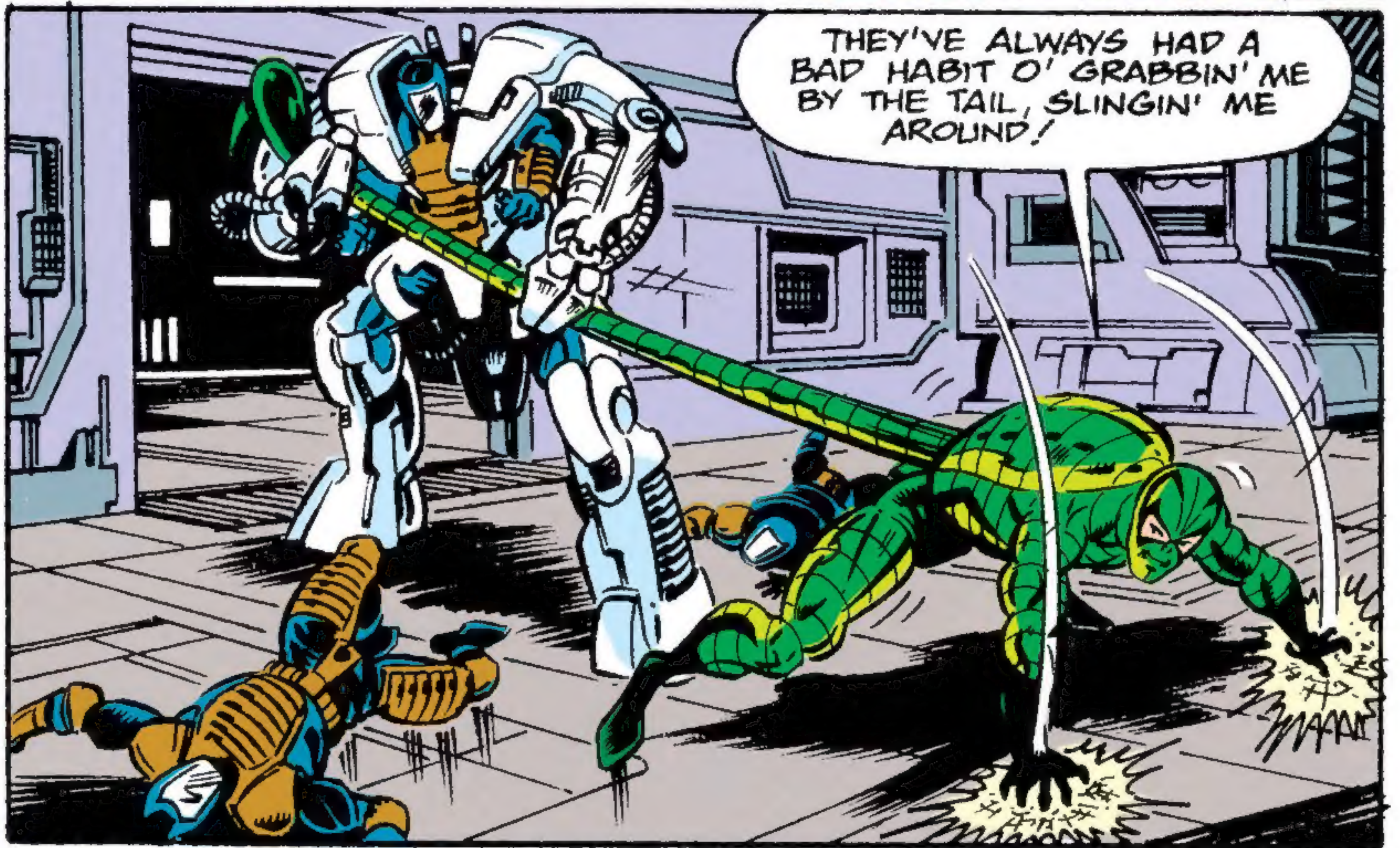
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MY RE-WORKED TAIL'S AS LETHAL AS EVER! BUT THEN, I NEVER *DID* HAVE MUCH TROUBLE WITH RUN-O'-THE-MILL MUSCLE!



IT'S THE *SUPER-STRONG* TYPES THAT'RE THE *REAL* TEST!



THEY'VE ALWAYS HAD A BAD HABIT O' GRABBIN' ME BY THE TAIL, SLINGIN' ME AROUND!



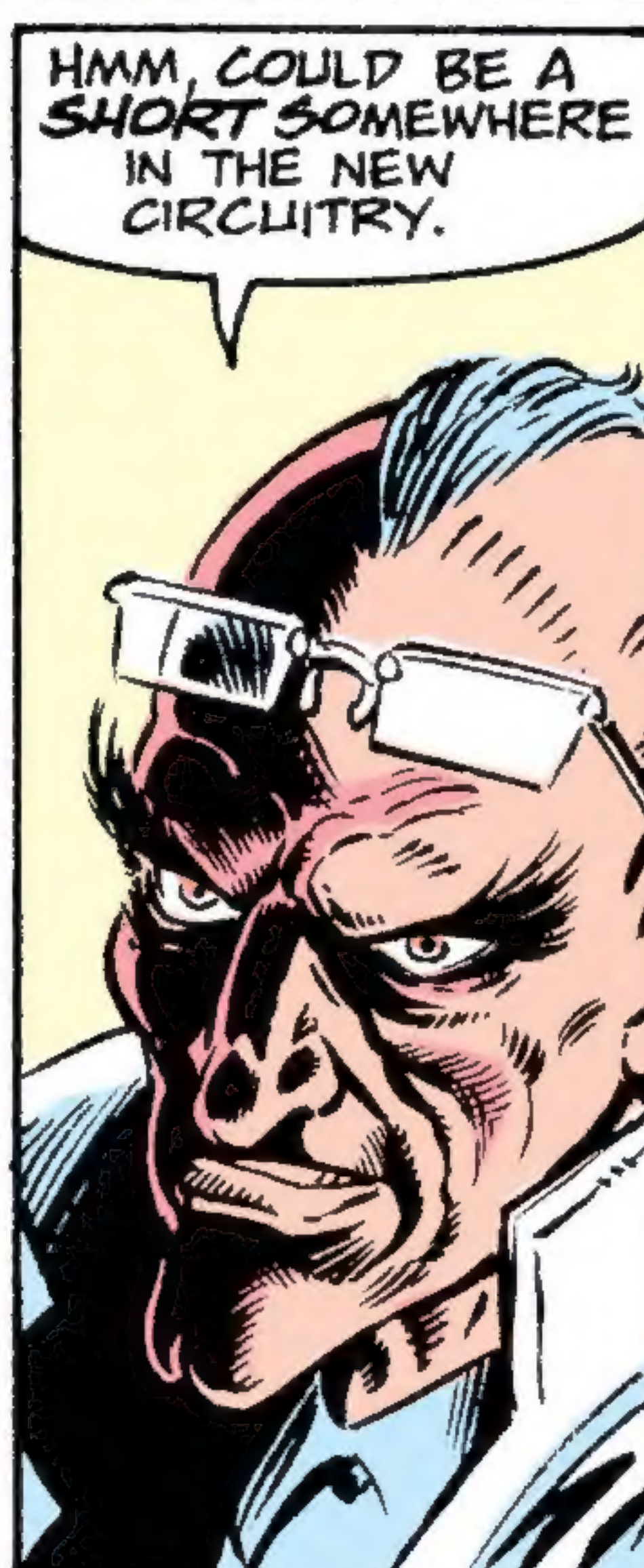
KZZZ-ZZ-ZZ-ZZAK

NOT ANY MORE!



THE *ELECTRIC CHARGE* WORKED AS PROMISED, MR. GARGAN?

IT DID THE JOB, *TINKERER*! BUT I FELT A LITTLE JOLT MY-SELF WHEN I SET IT OFF!



HMM, COULD BE A *SHORT* SOMEWHERE IN THE NEW CIRCUITRY.



BETTER LEAVE YOUR COSTUME HERE. I'LL RUN A COMPLETE DIAGNOSTIC, AND YOU CAN PICK IT UP THIS AFTERNOON. *PAY-MENT* CAN BE MADE THEN.

BUT I--
AW, WHAT THE HECK.

A LITTLE WAIT'LL
MAKE KILLIN' J.
JONAH JAMESON
THAT MUCH
SWEETER!

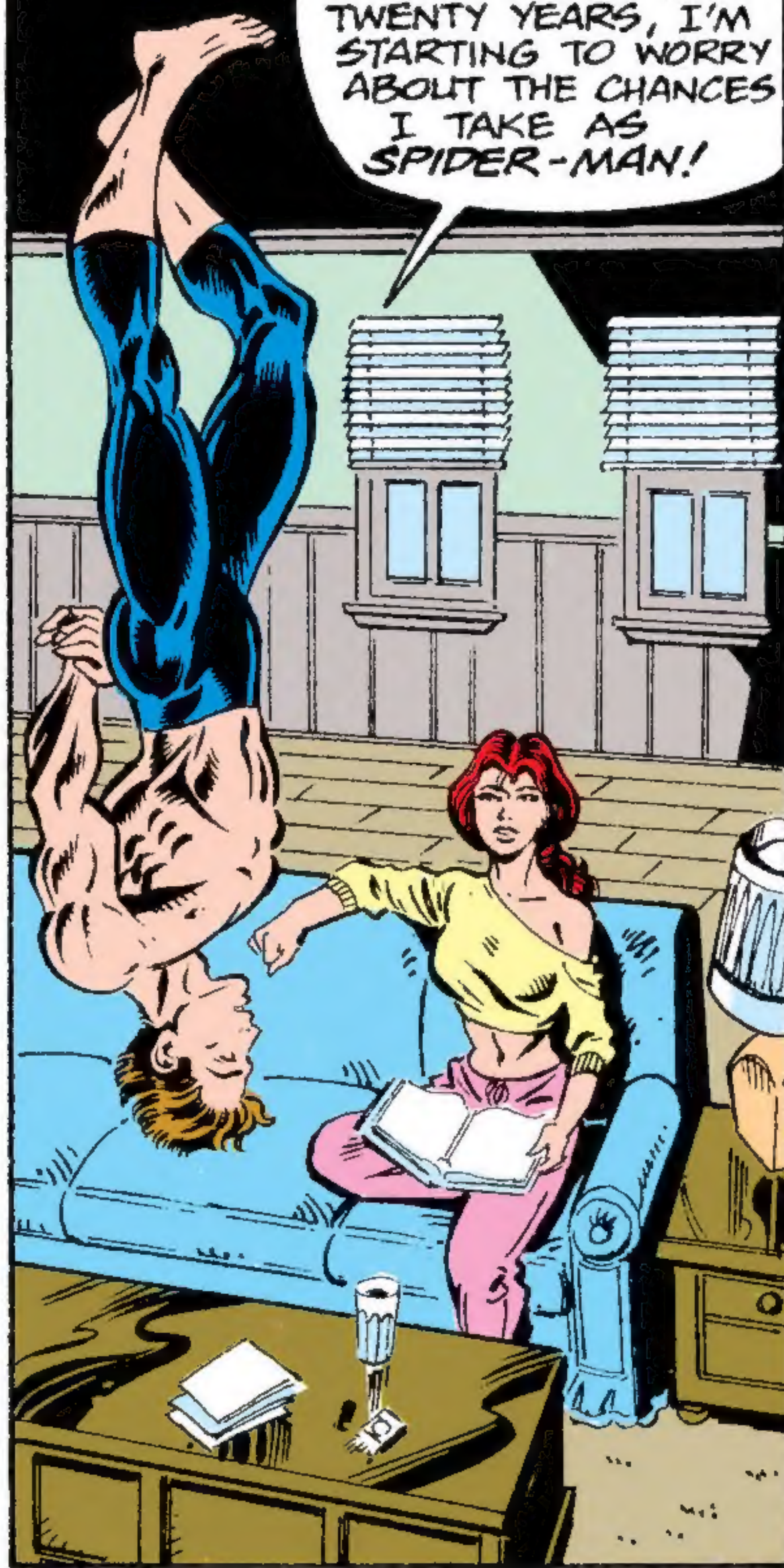


WHILE SOUTHWARD
IN THE SOHO LOFT
OF PHOTOGRAPHER
PETER PARKER
ONE OF JAMESON'S
DAILY BUGLE
EMPLOYEES...

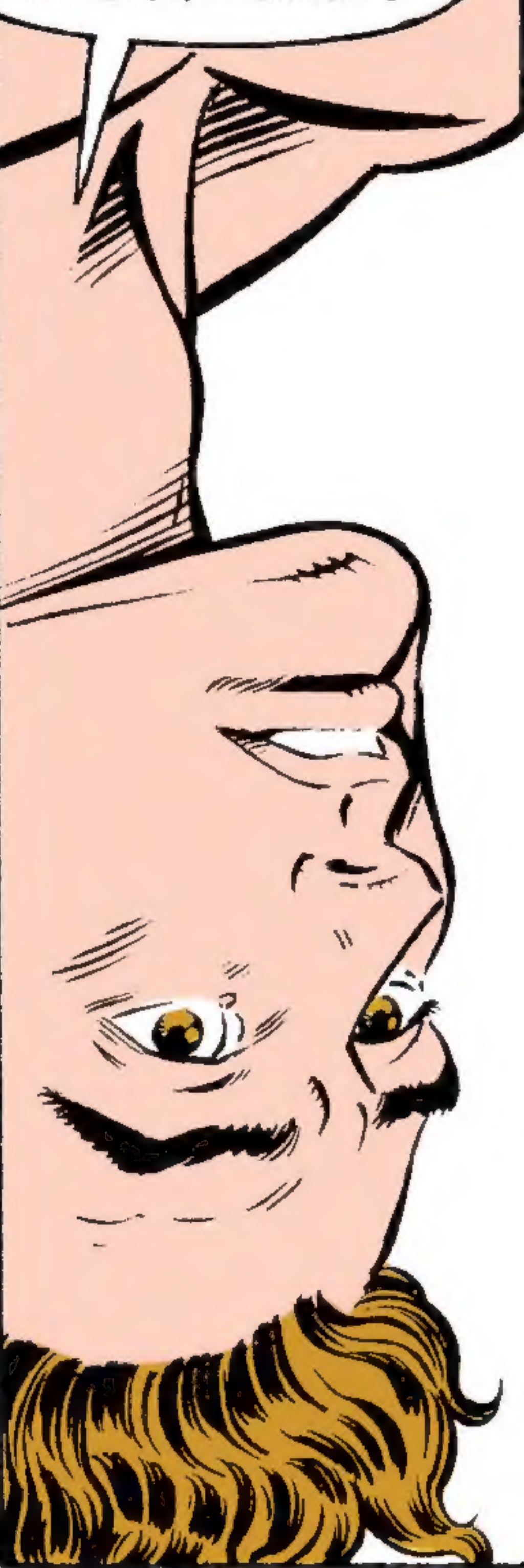


I USUALLY TRY
NOT TO THINK
MUCH ABOUT
DYING!

BUT NOW THAT MY
PARENTS HAVE
SHOWN UP AFTER
BEING "DEAD" FOR
TWENTY YEARS, I'M
STARTING TO WORRY
ABOUT THE CHANCES
I TAKE AS
SPIDER-MAN!

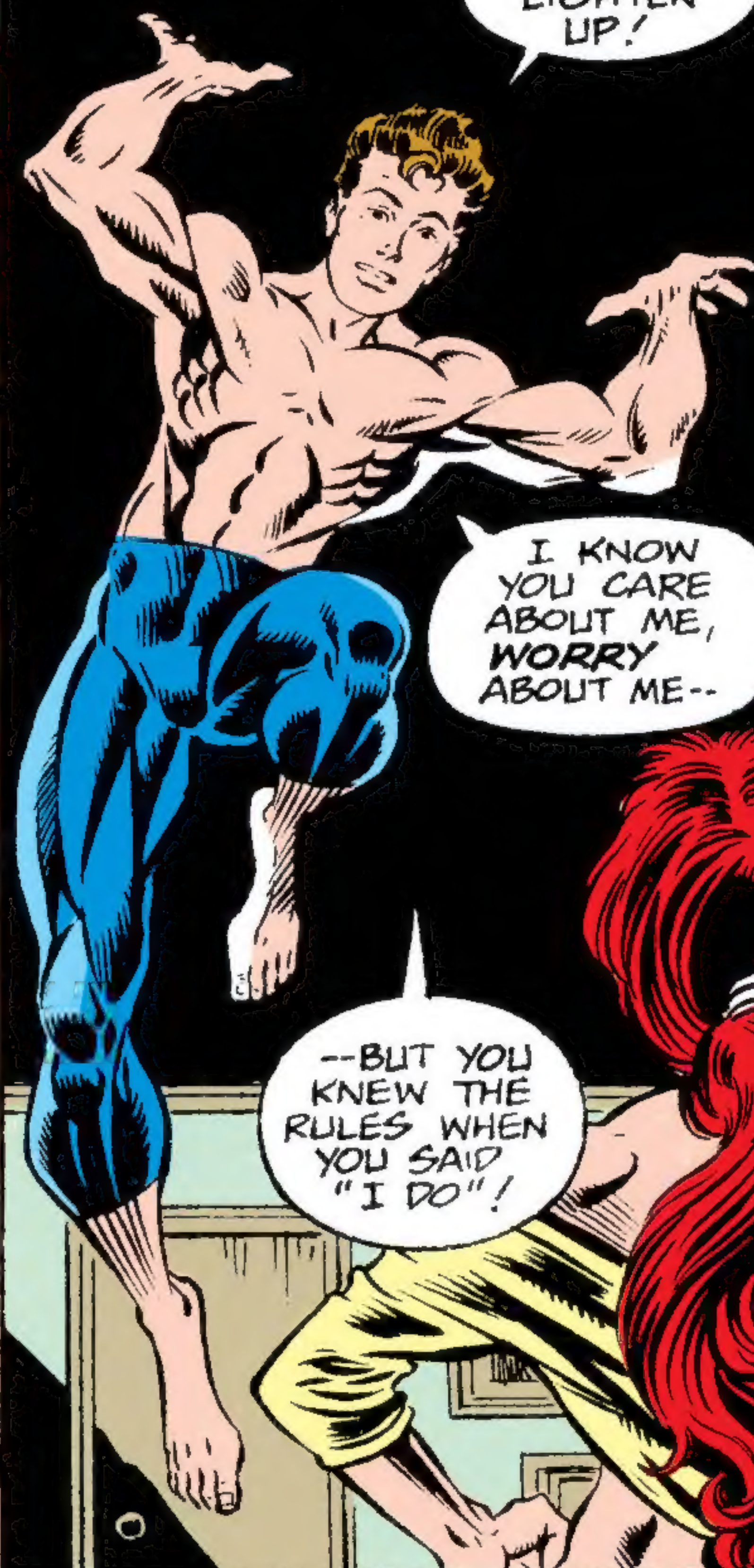


I MEAN, WHAT IF I
WERE KILLED BE-
FORE WE EVEN GOT
TO KNOW EACH
OTHER? THEY'D
BE SHATTERED!



OH, AND
LIKE I'D BE
OFF TO THE
RIVIERA TO CEL-
EBRATE?

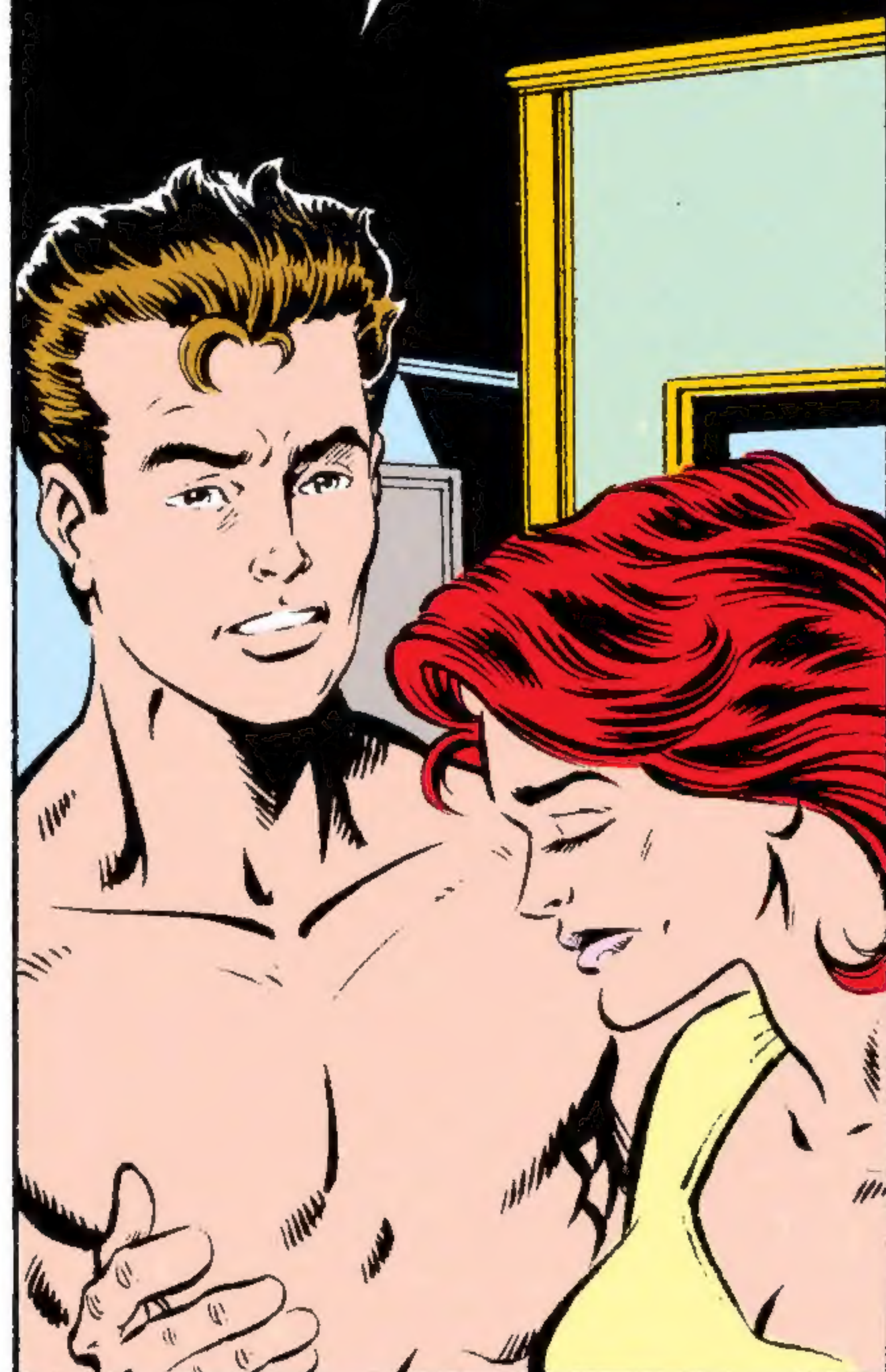
HEY, HON,
LIGHTEN
UP!

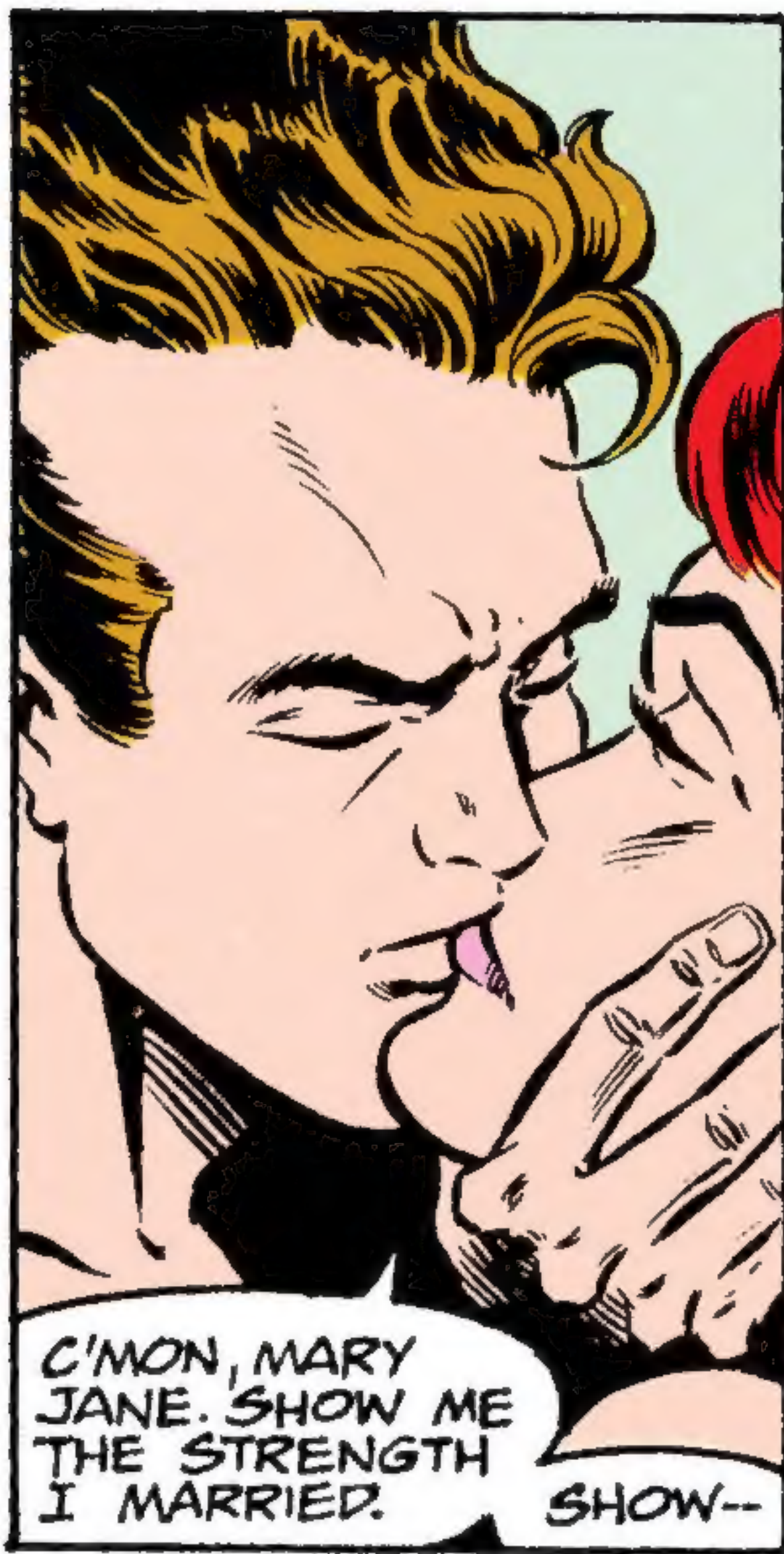


I KNOW
YOU CARE
ABOUT ME,
WORRY
ABOUT ME--

--BUT YOU
KNEW THE
RULES WHEN
YOU SAID
"I DO"!

MY FOLKS HAVE NO
IDEA I'M SPIDER-MAN!
AND LOSING THEIR SON THAT
WAY JUST MIGHT BE TOO
GREAT A SHOCK FOR
THEM TO BEAR!

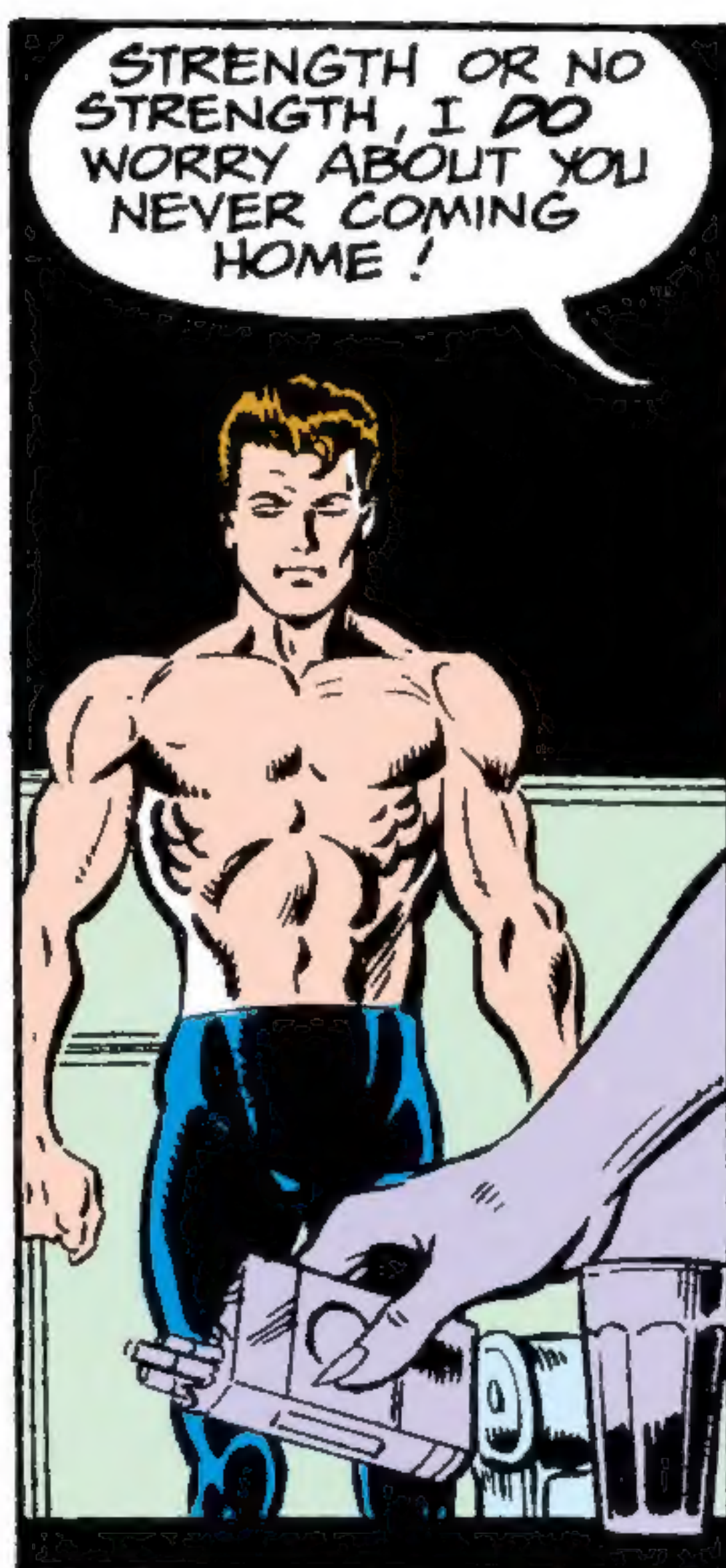




C'MON, MARY JANE. SHOW ME THE STRENGTH I MARRIED. SHOW--



-- YICK! YOU TASTE LIKE AN ASH TRAY!
WELL, THANK YOU, MR. ROMANTIC!

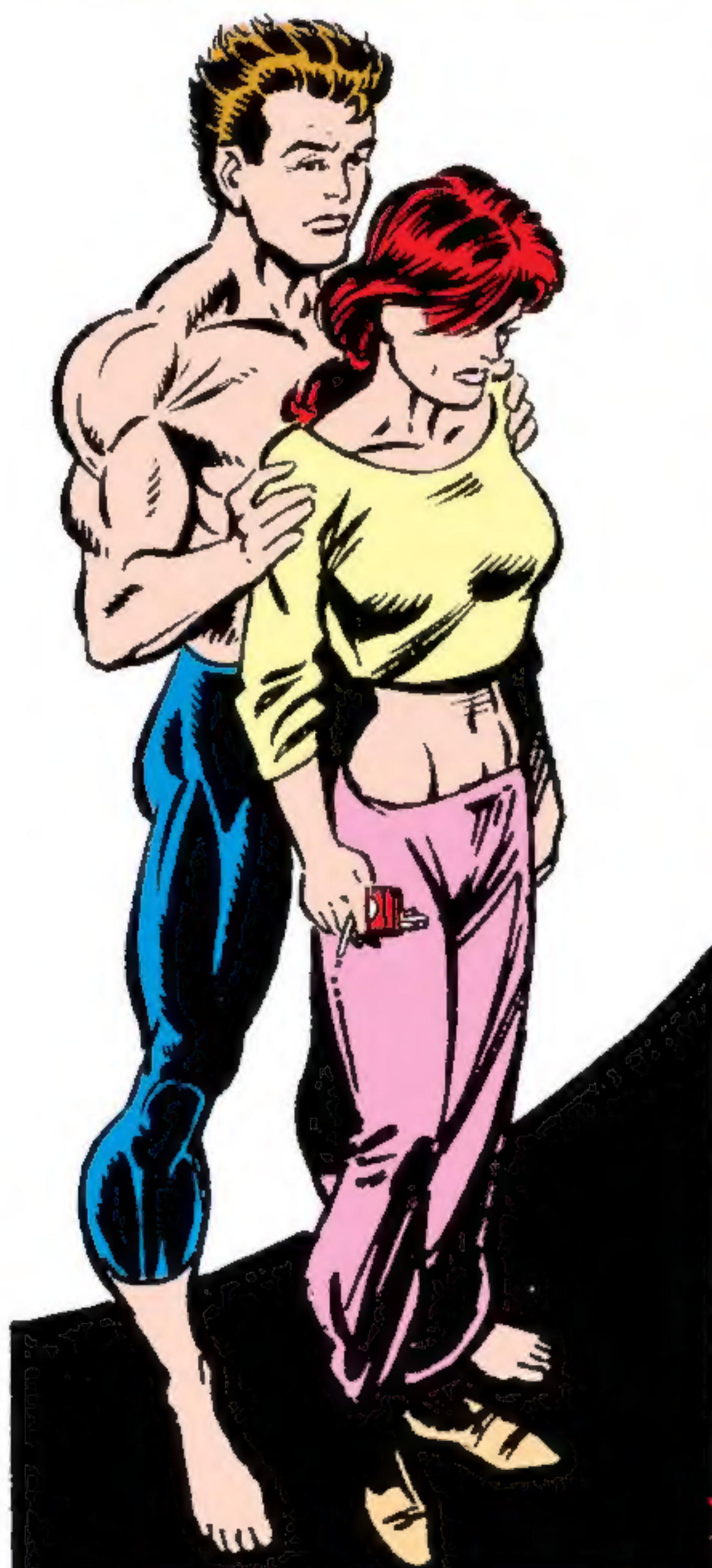


STRENGTH OR NO STRENGTH, I DO WORRY ABOUT YOU NEVER COMING HOME!

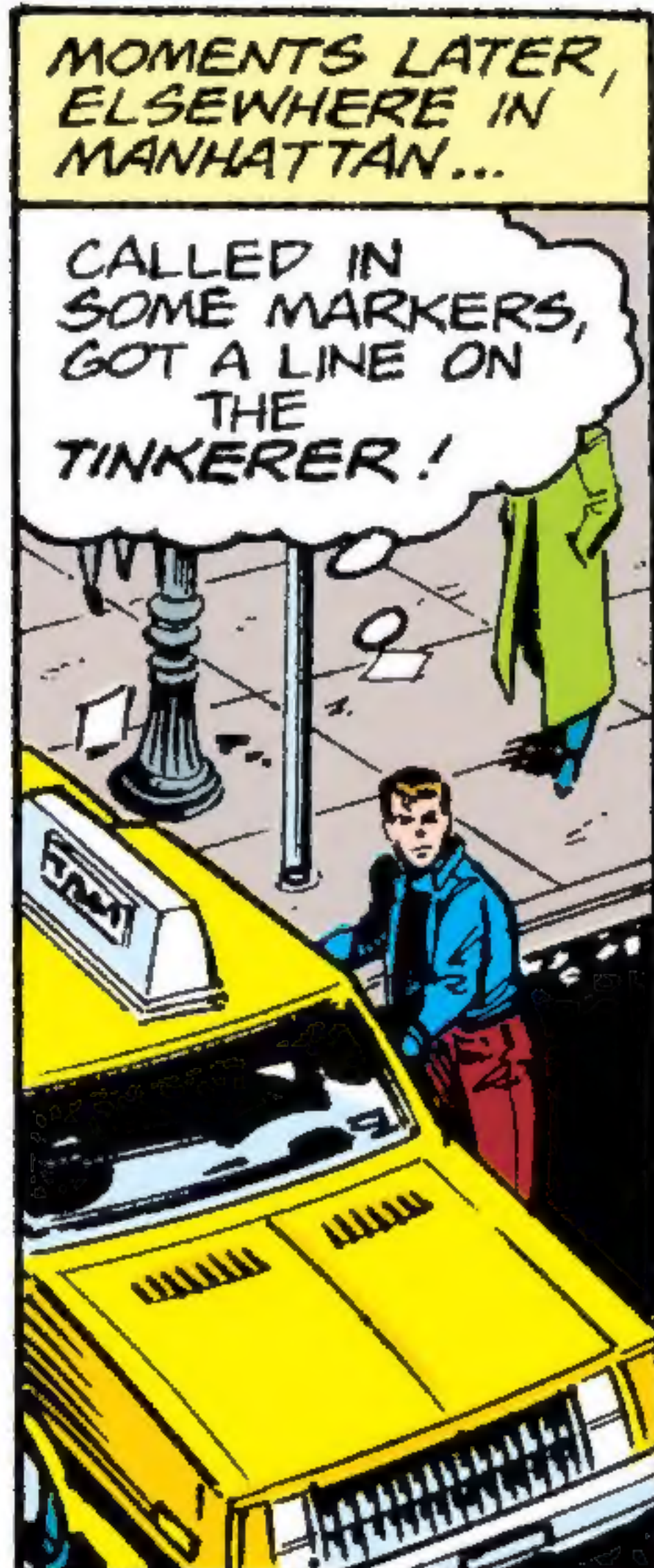


SO JUST LET ME COPE THE WAY I CAN, OKAY? GIVE ME THAT?

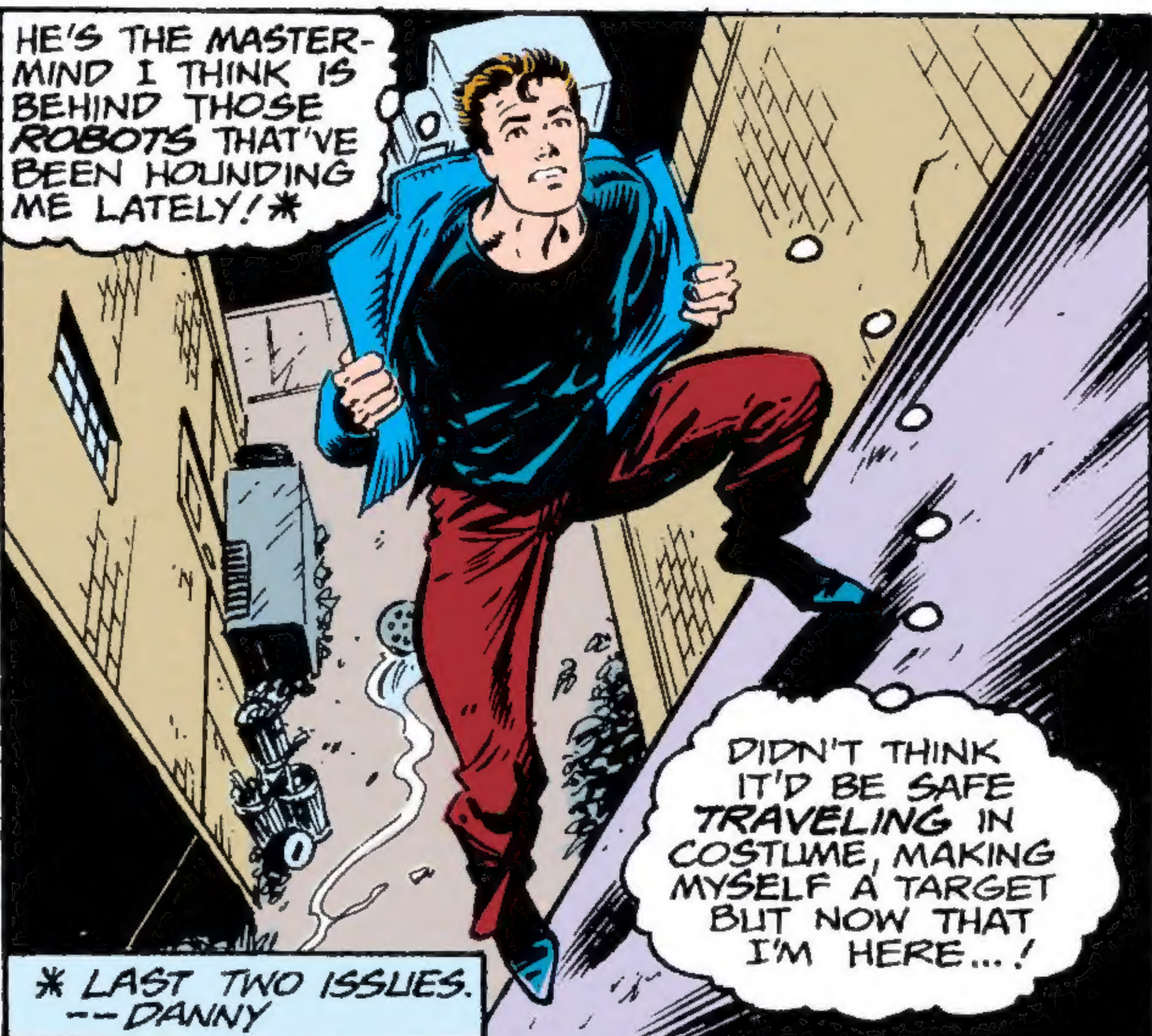
THEIR LOVE IS STRONGER THAN THEIR FEARS. UNDERSTANDING LINGERS IN WORDS UNSPOKEN.



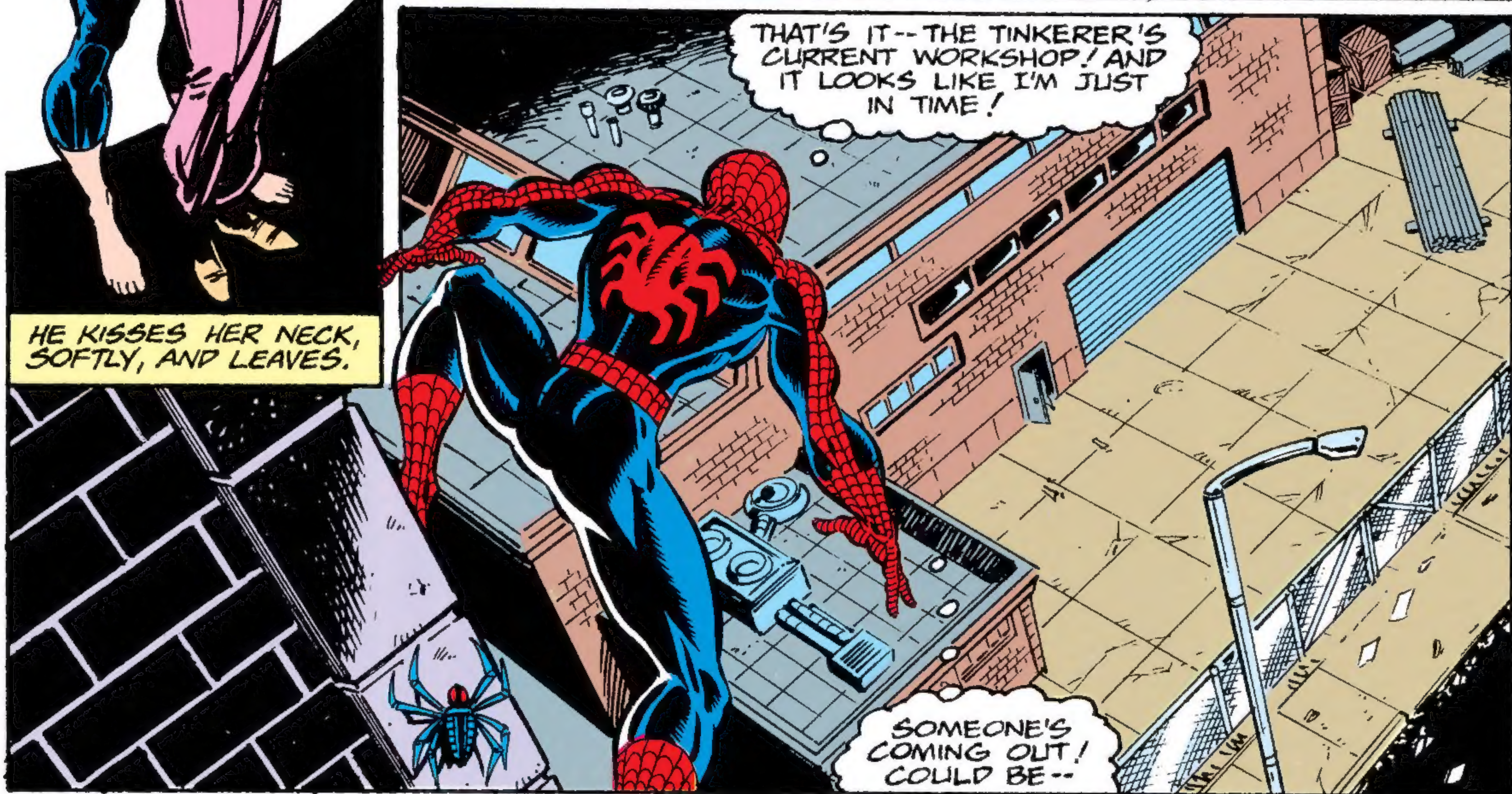
HE KISSES HER NECK, SOFTLY, AND LEAVES.



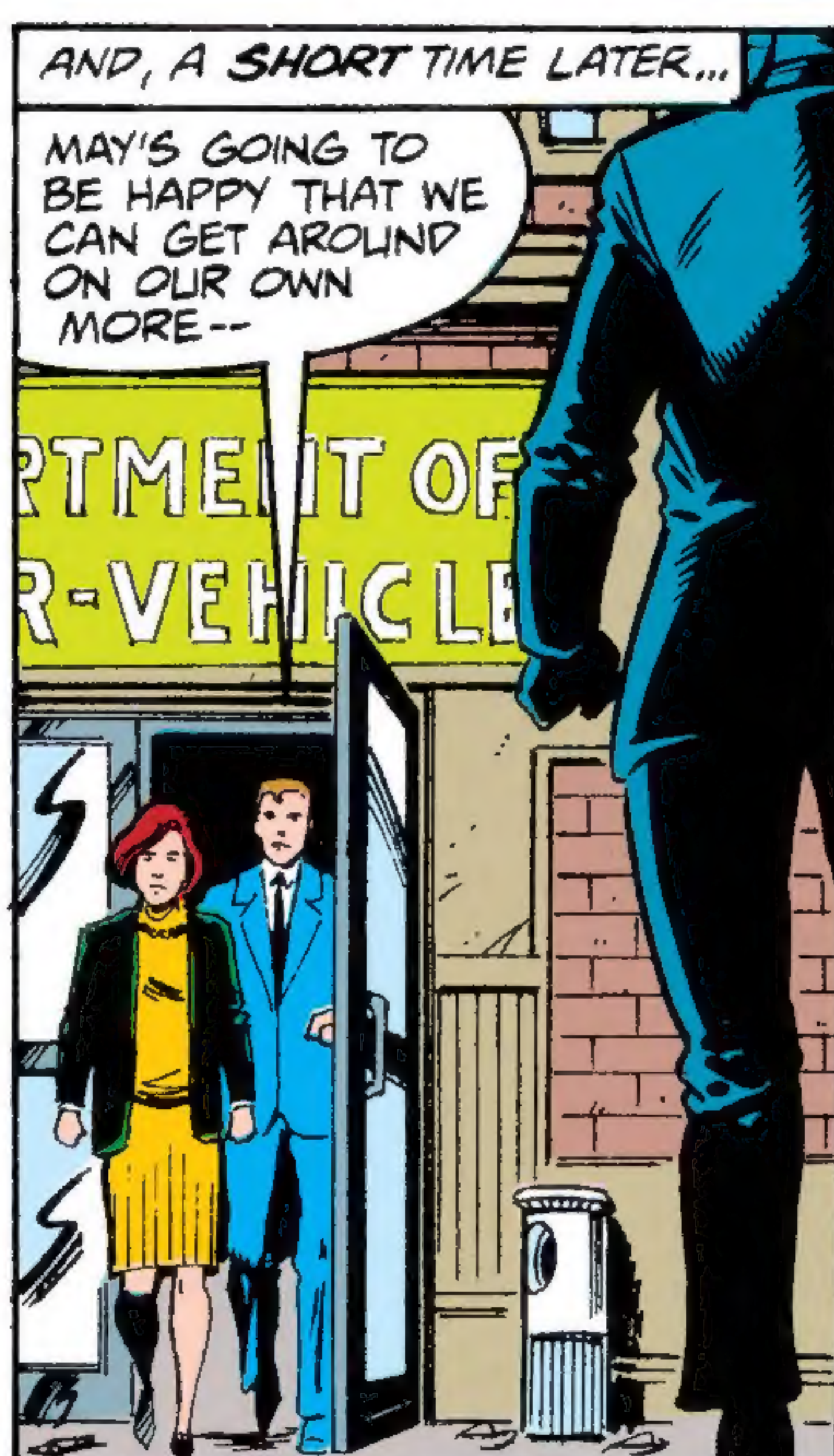
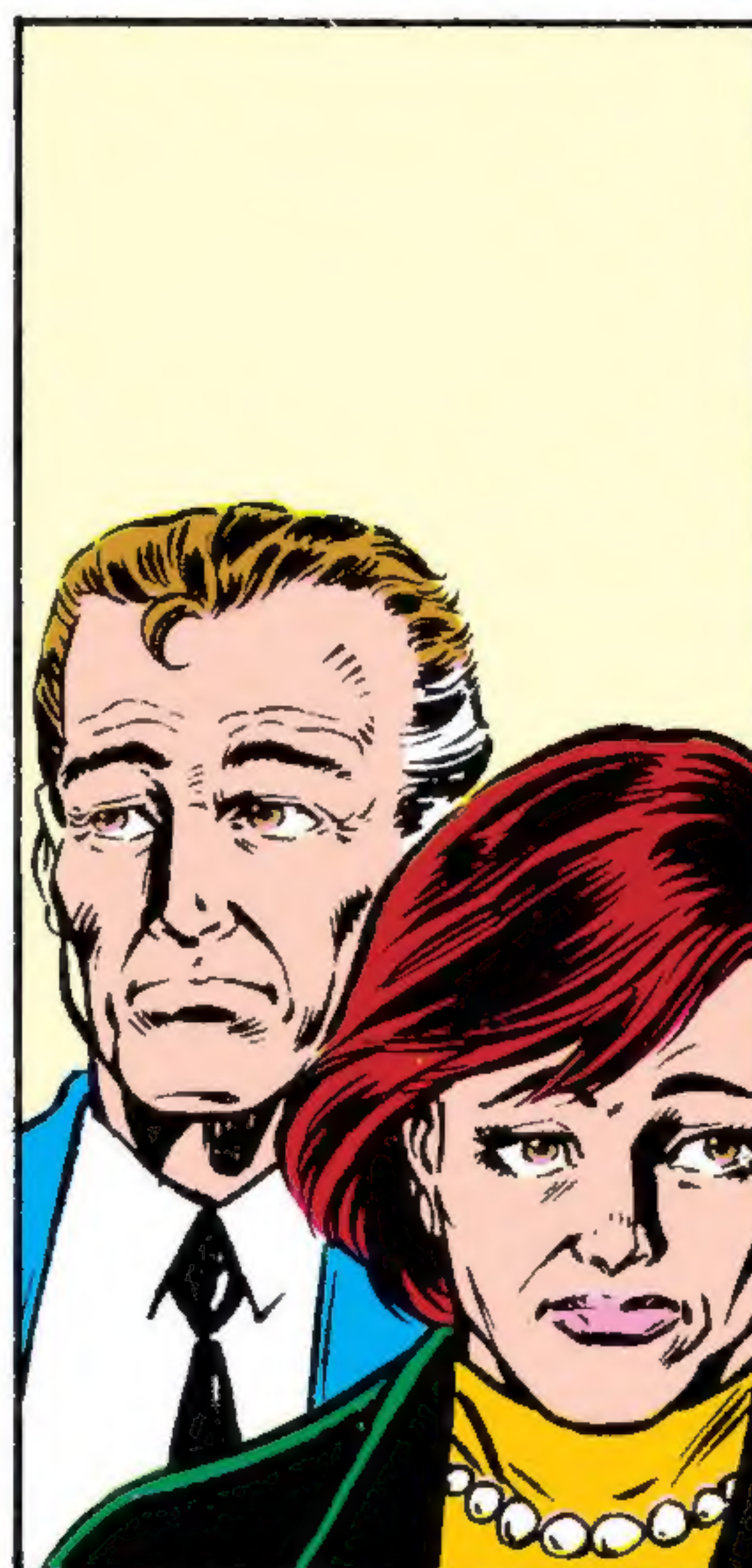
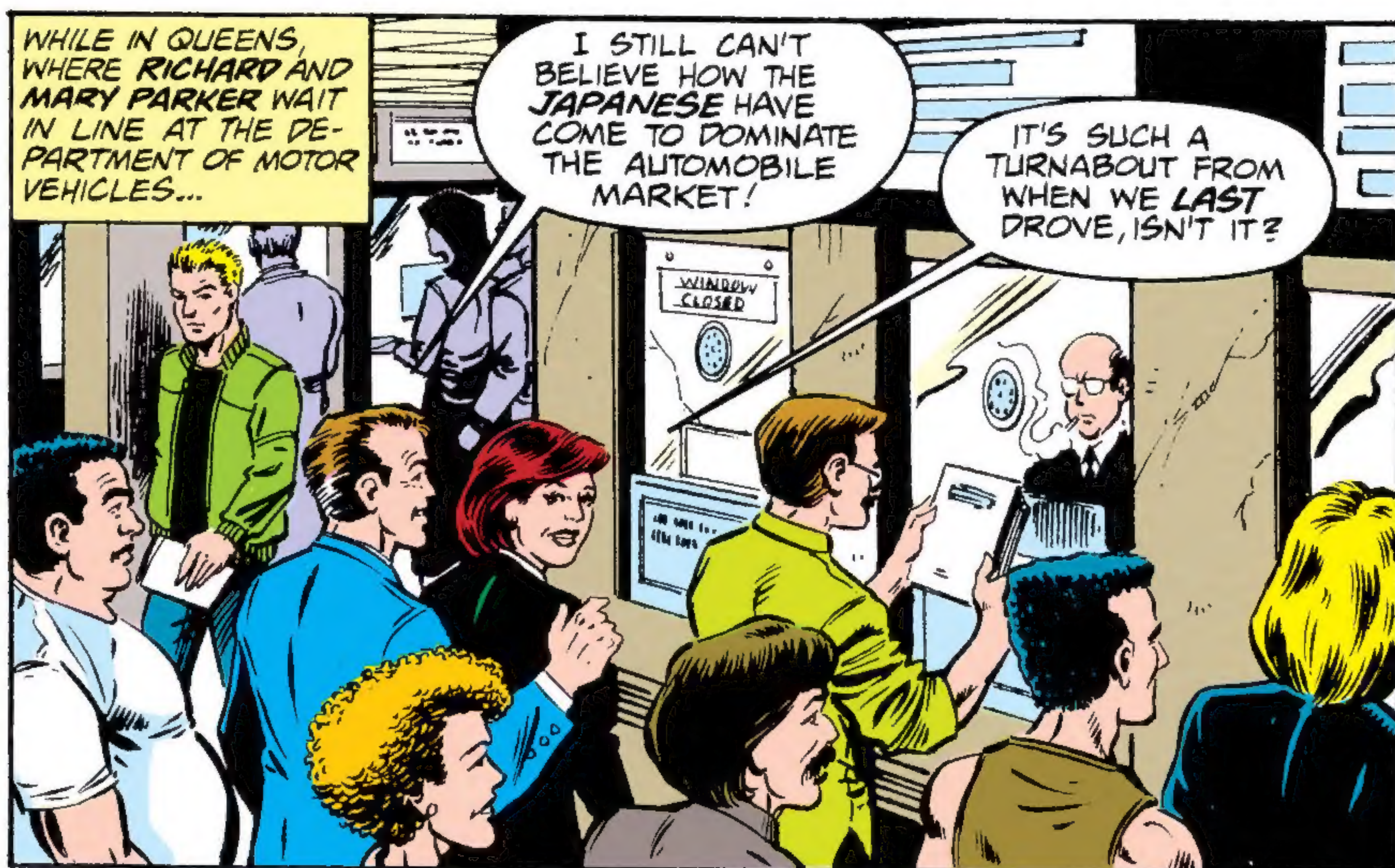
MOMENTS LATER, ELSEWHERE IN MANHATTAN...
CALLED IN SOME MARKERS, GOT A LINE ON THE TINKERER!

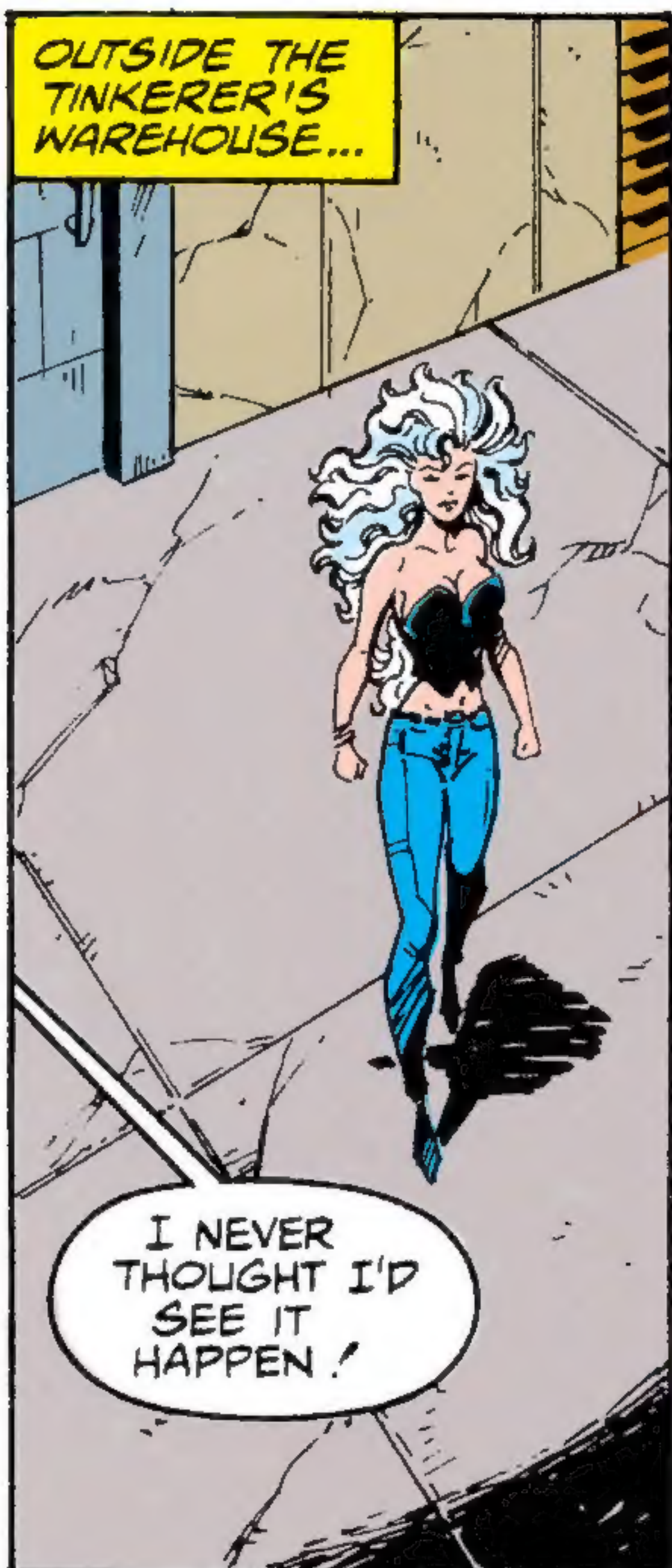
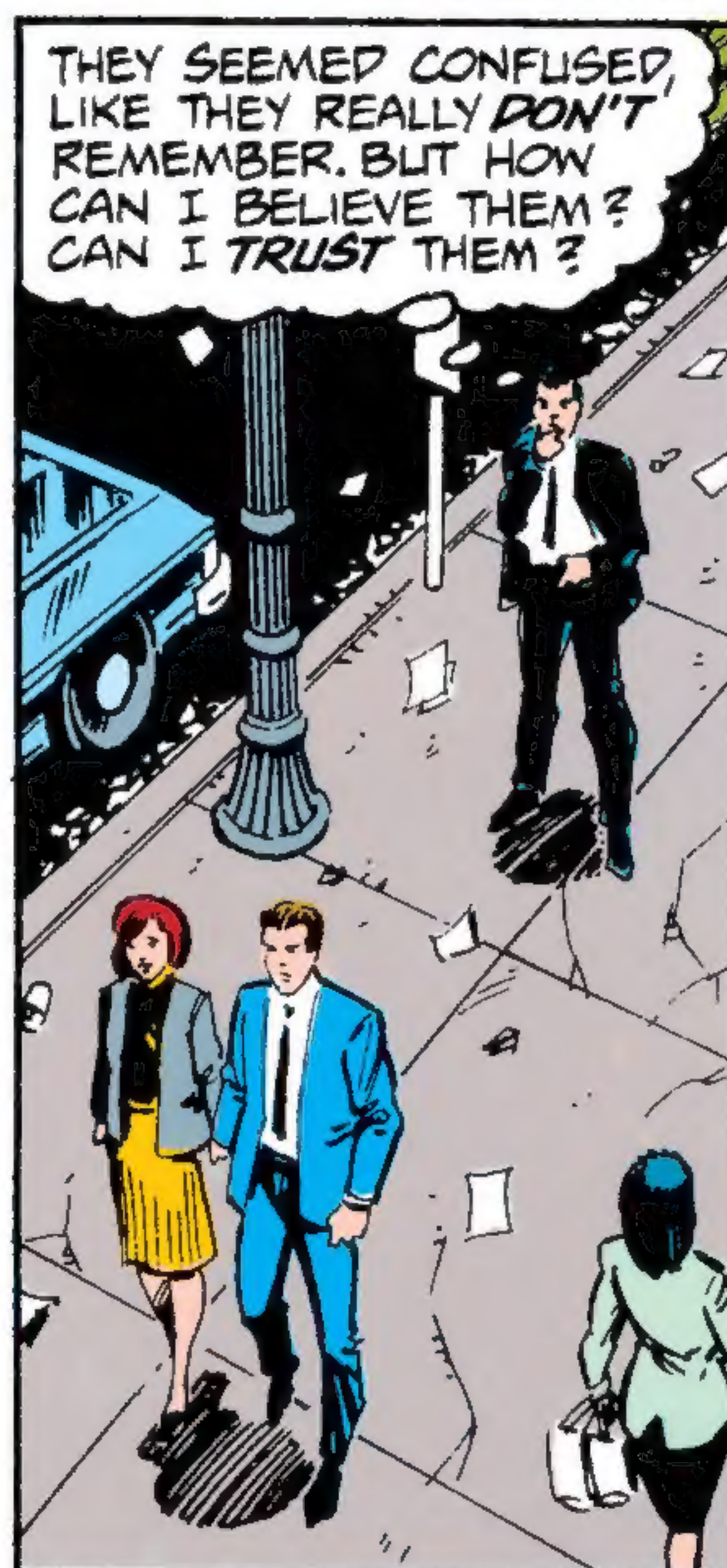
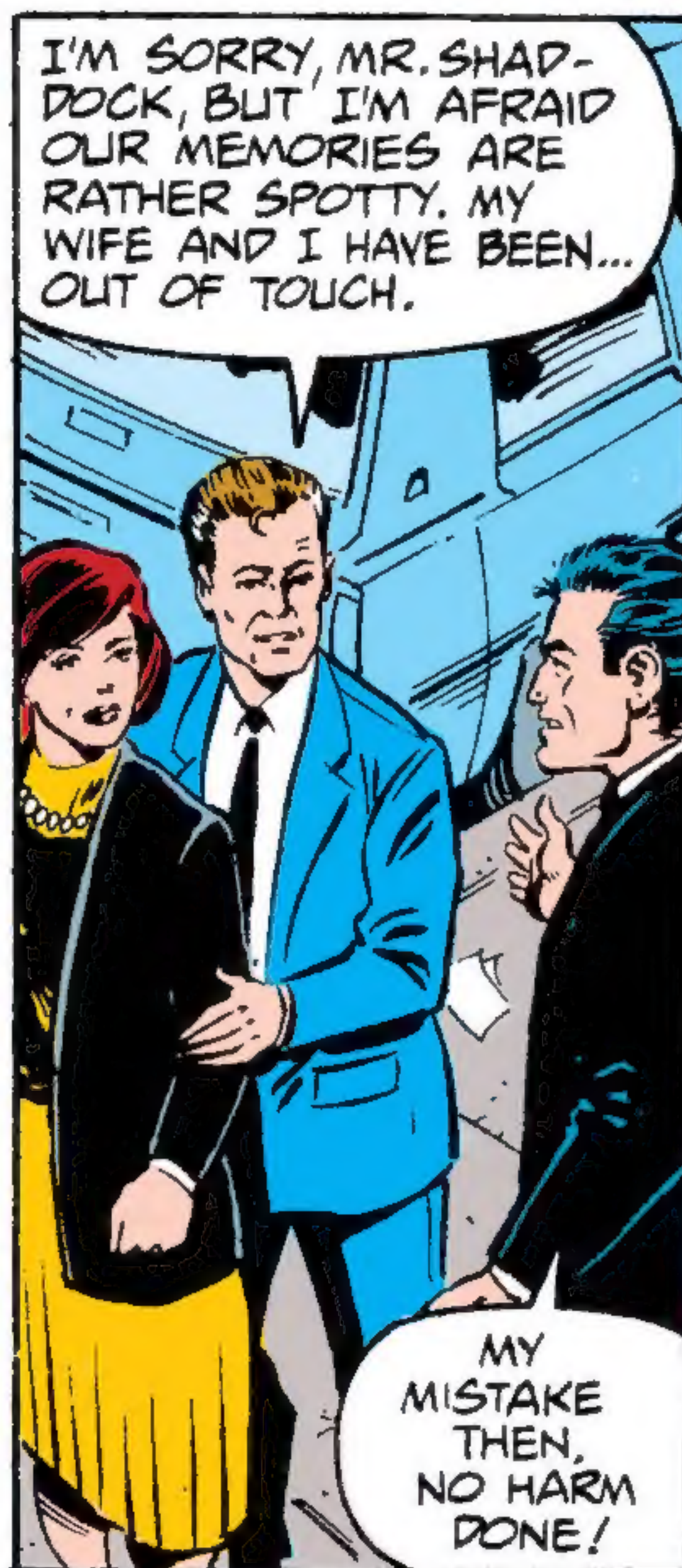
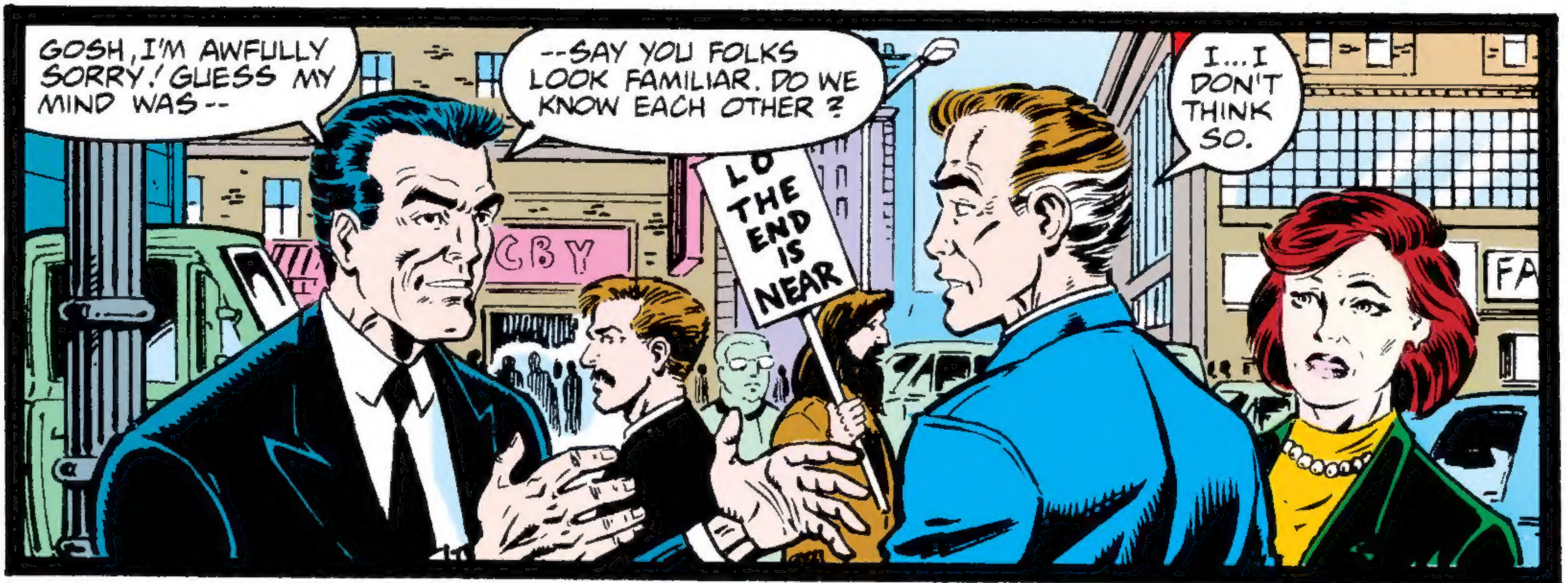


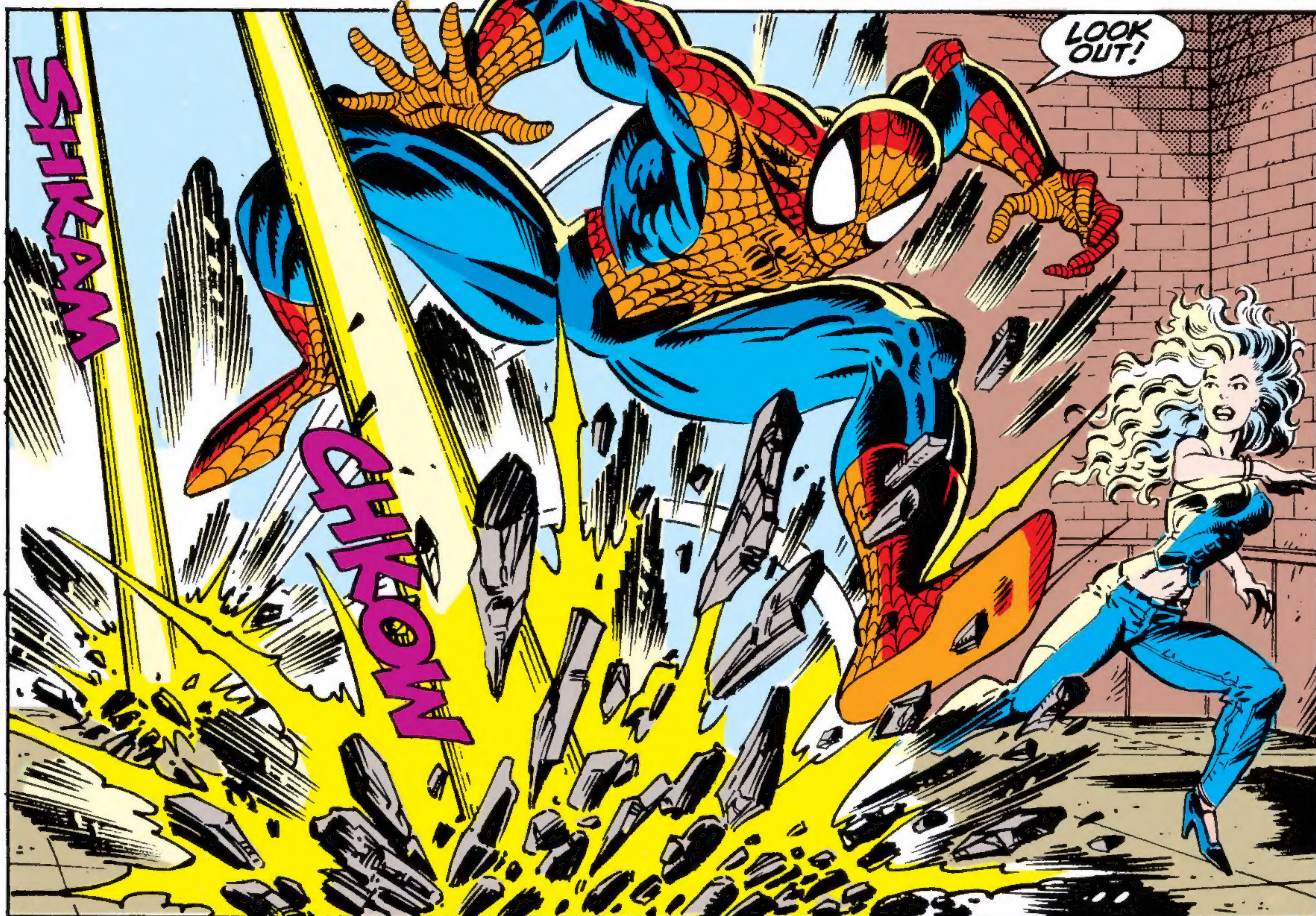
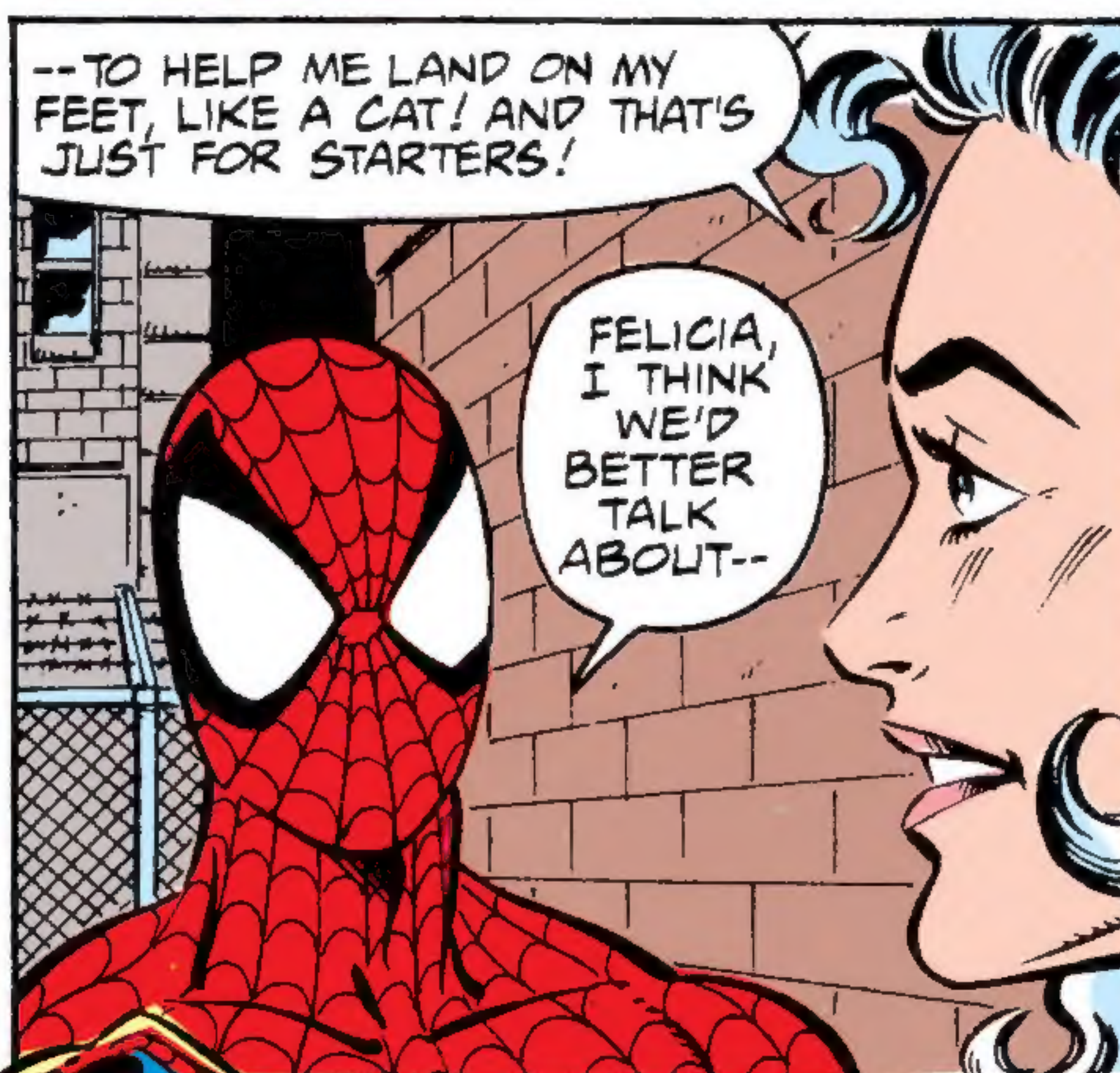
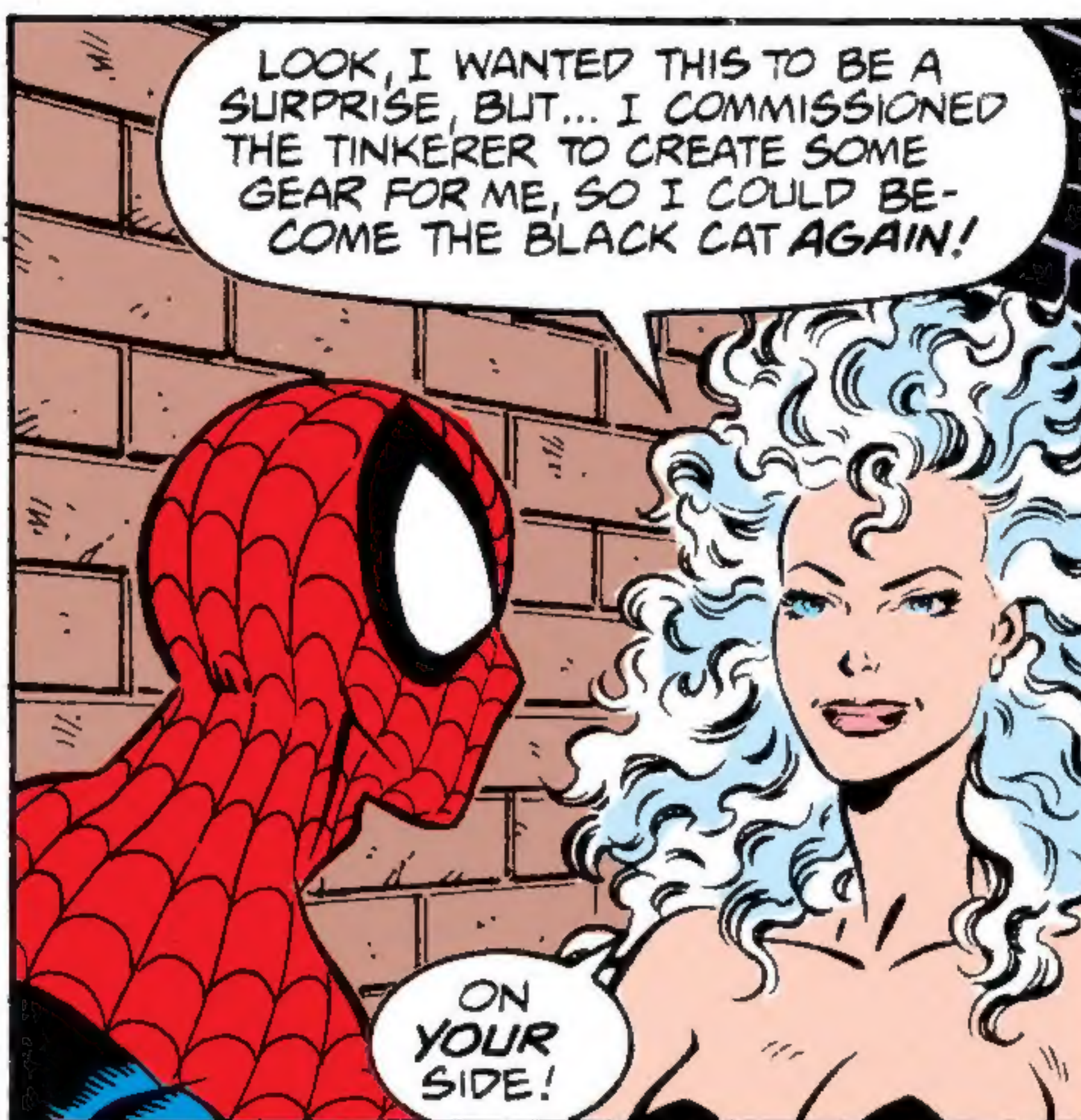
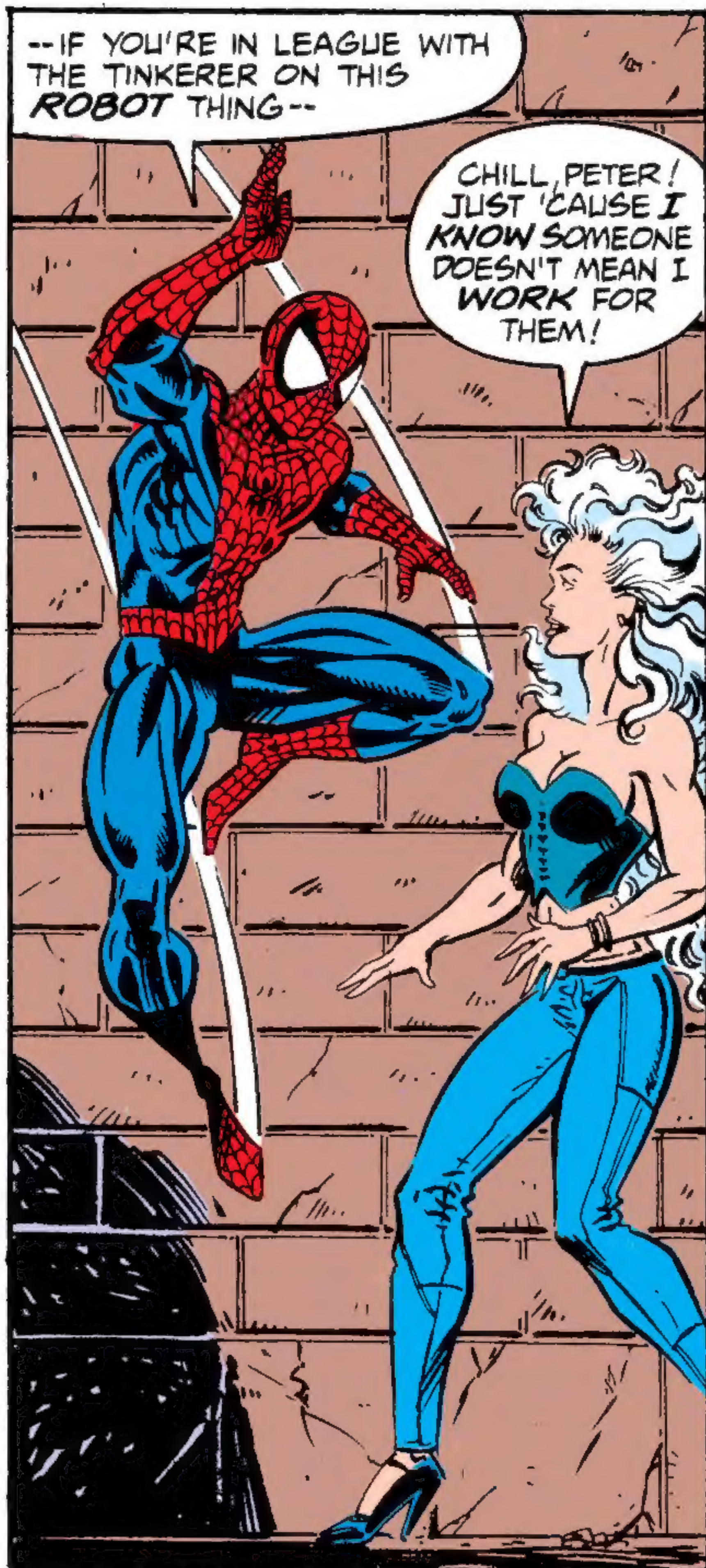
HE'S THE MASTER-MIND I THINK IS BEHIND THOSE ROBOTS THAT'VE BEEN HOUNDING ME LATELY! *
* LAST TWO ISSUES. -- DANNY
DIDN'T THINK IT'D BE SAFE TRAVELING IN COSTUME, MAKING MYSELF A TARGET BUT NOW THAT I'M HERE...!

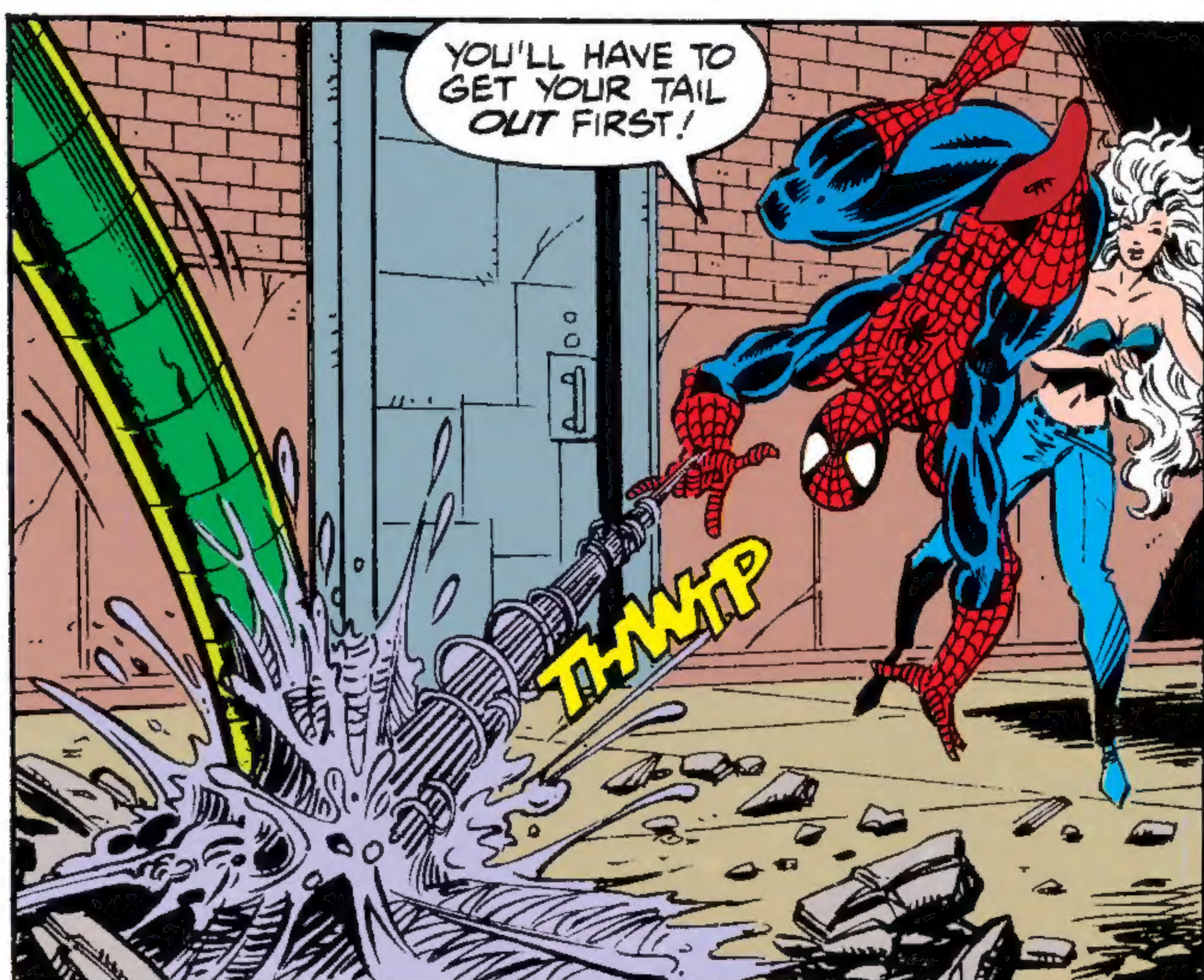
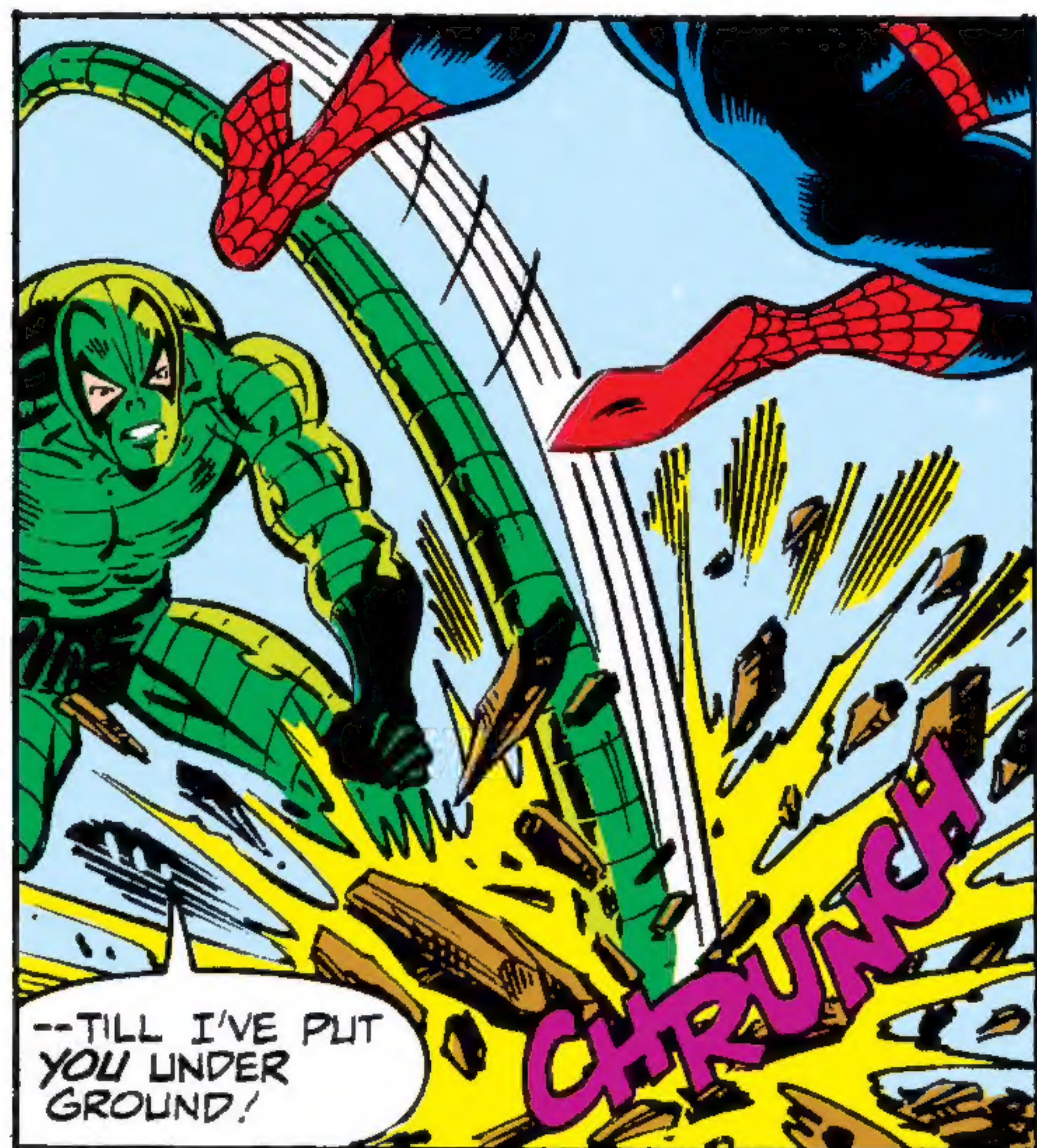


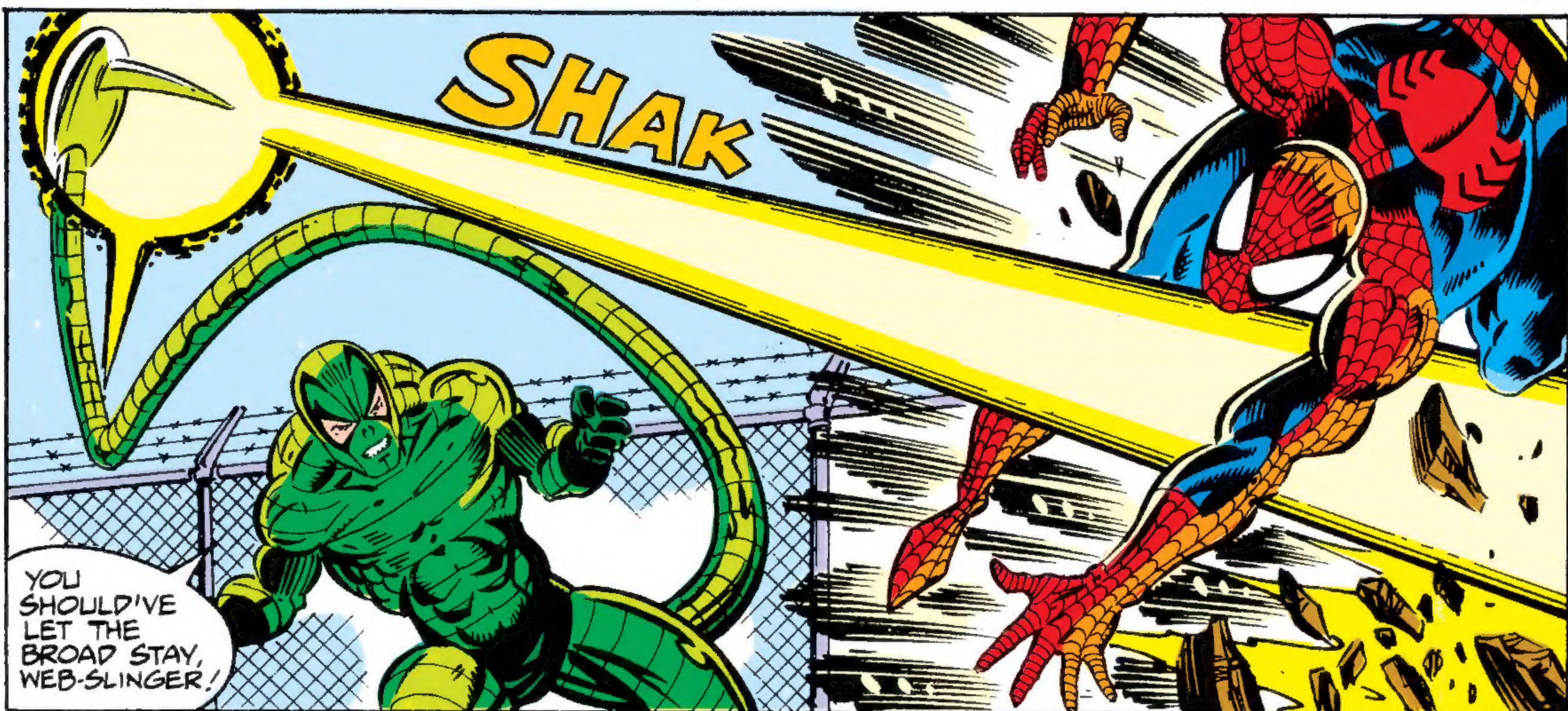
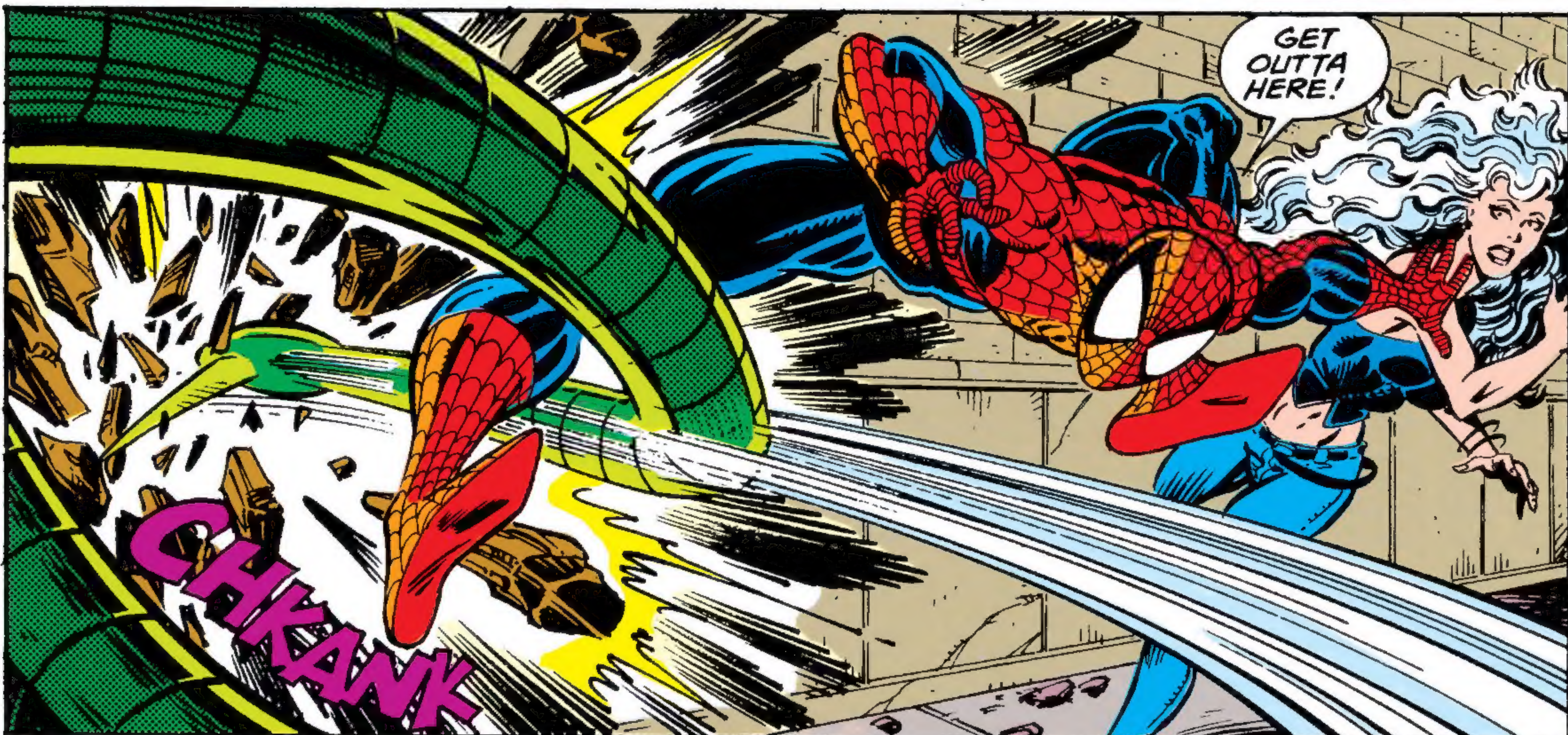
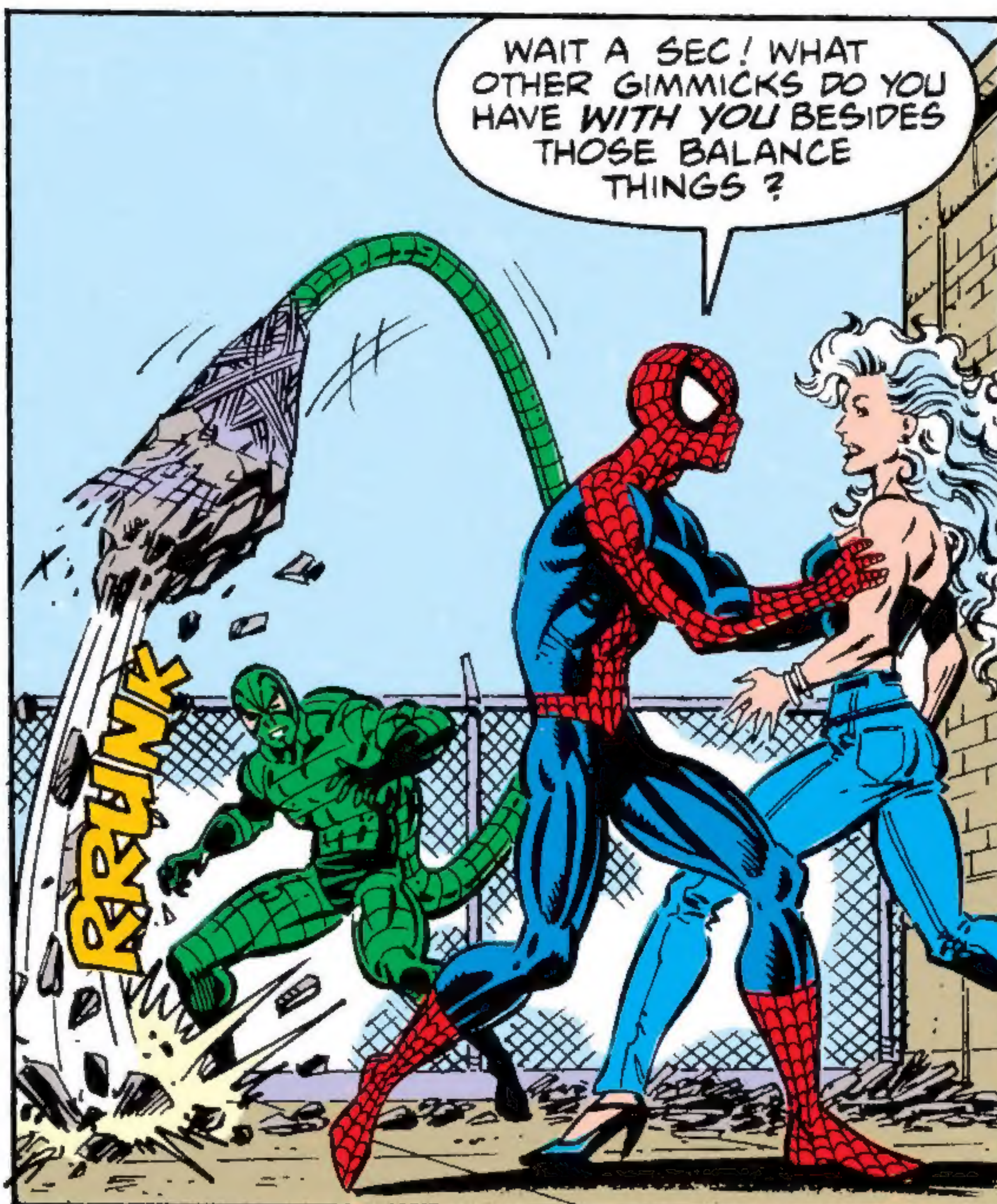
THAT'S IT-- THE TINKERER'S CURRENT WORKSHOP! AND IT LOOKS LIKE I'M JUST IN TIME!
SOMEONE'S COMING OUT! COULD BE--

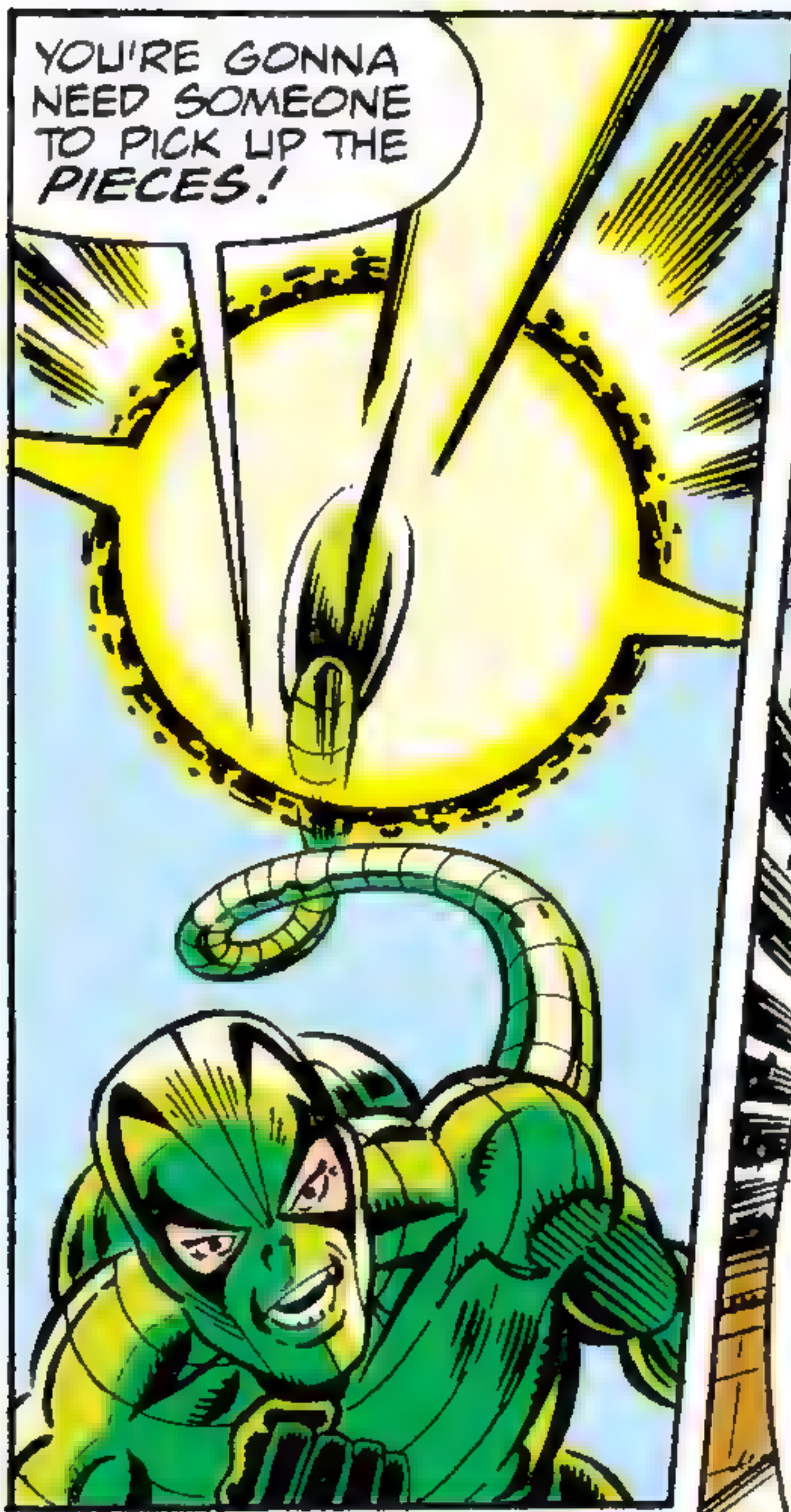




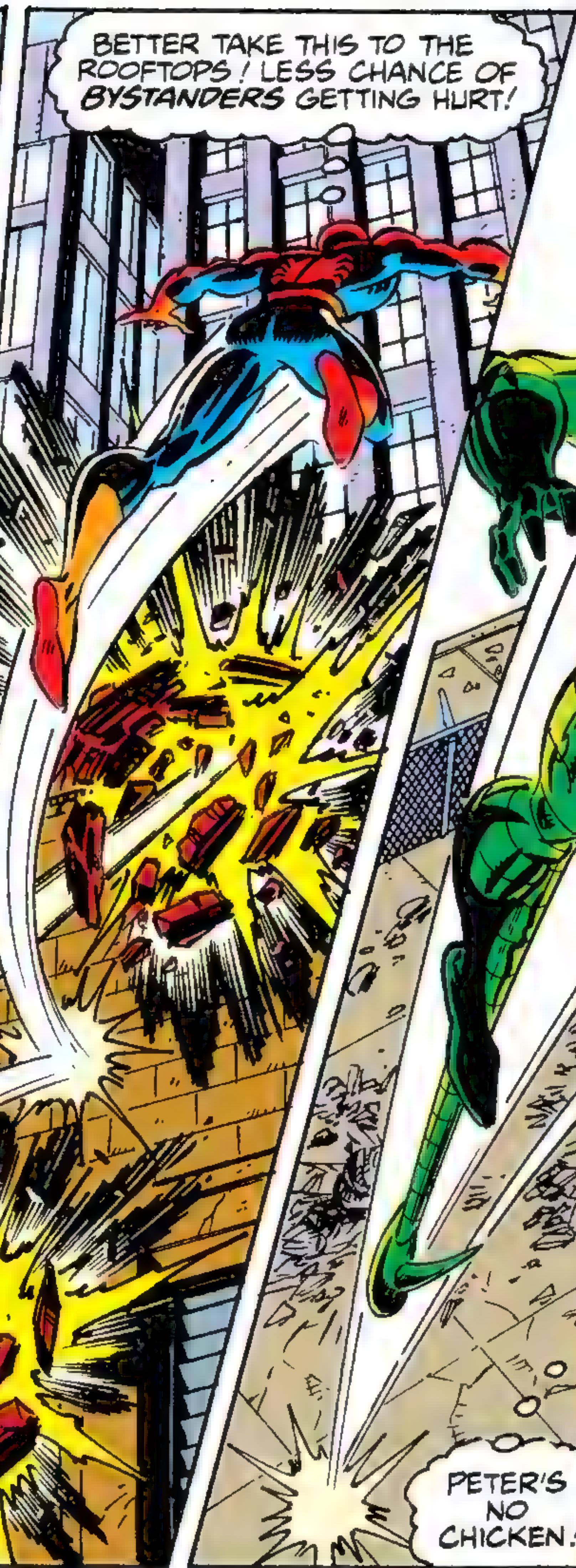






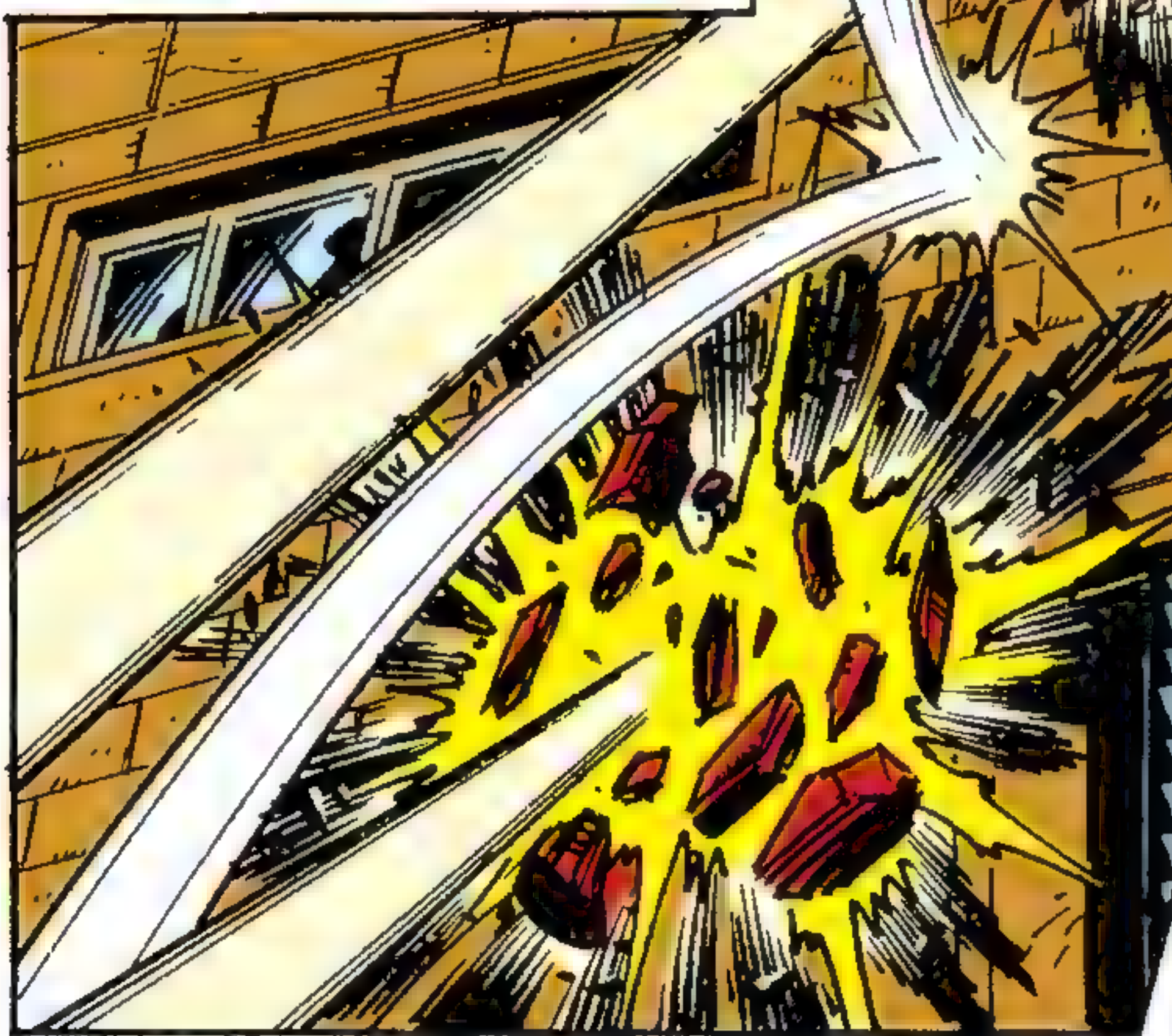


YOU'RE GONNA NEED SOMEONE TO PICK UP THE PIECES!



BETTER TAKE THIS TO THE ROOFTOPS! LESS CHANCE OF BYSTANDERS GETTING HURT!

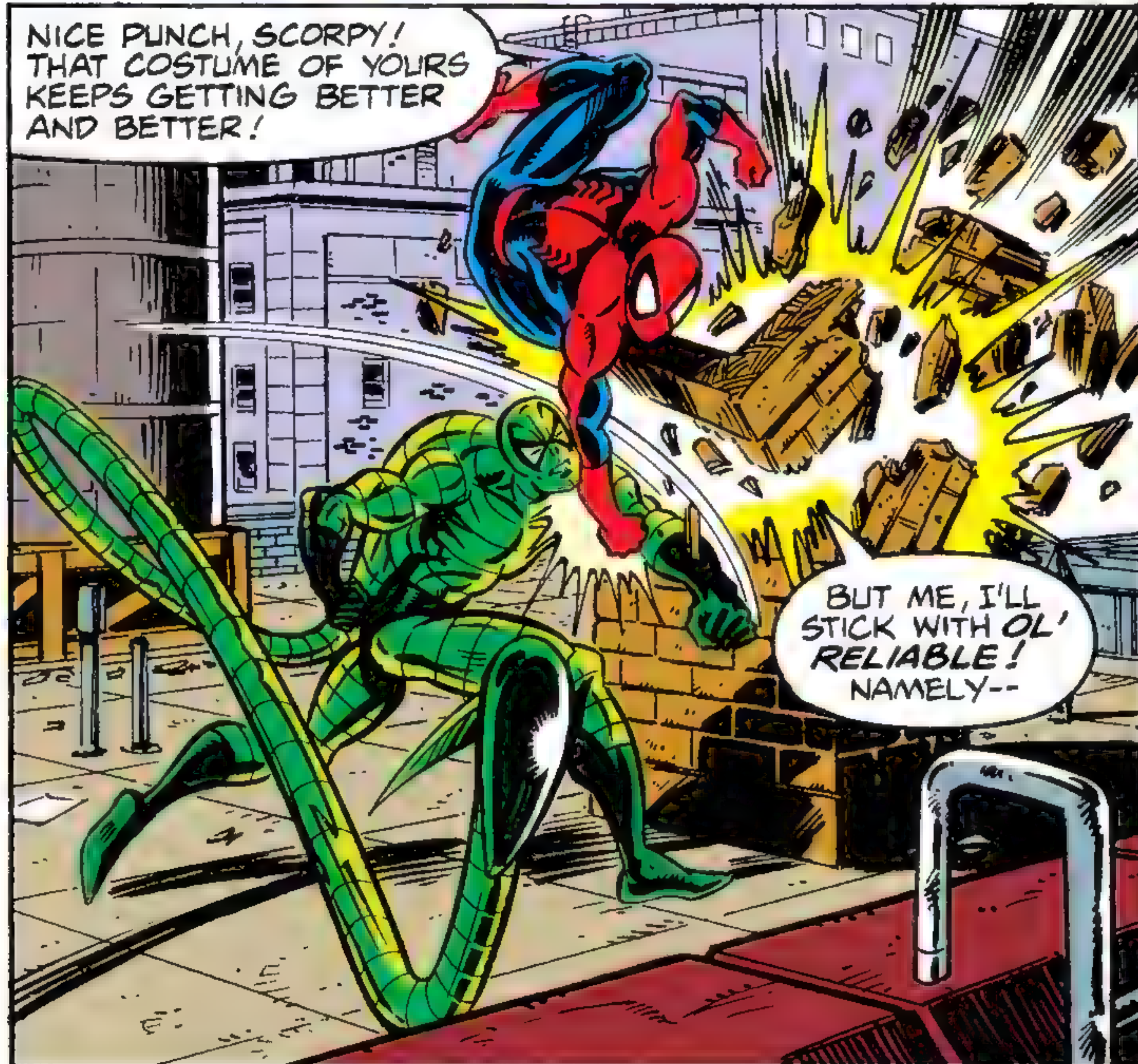
TURNIN'--YOU SHOULD FORGIVE THE EXPRESSION--TAIL? ALWAYS KNEW YOU WERE A COWARD!



PETER'S NO CHICKEN!

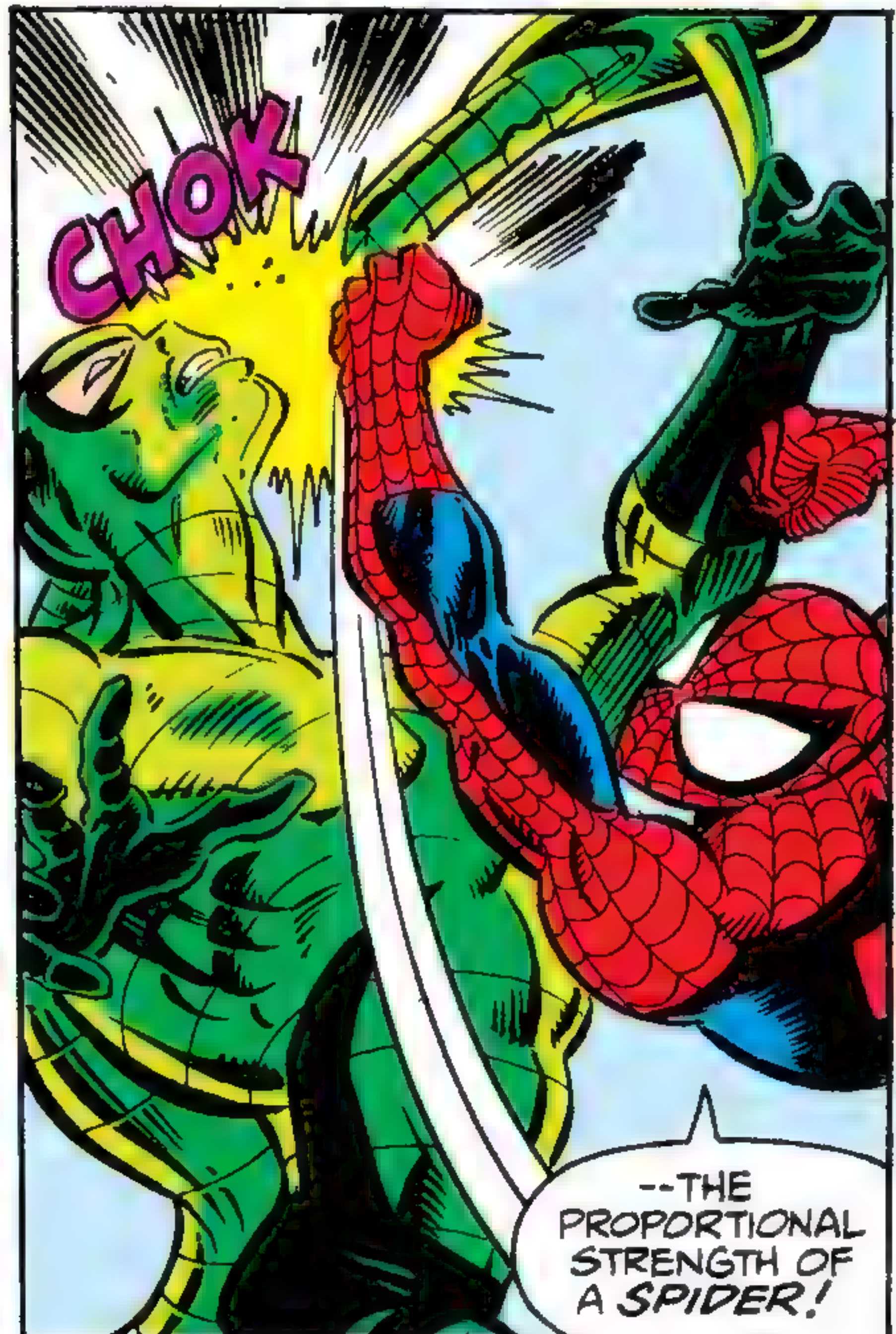


AND I'M NO FRAIDY-CAT!



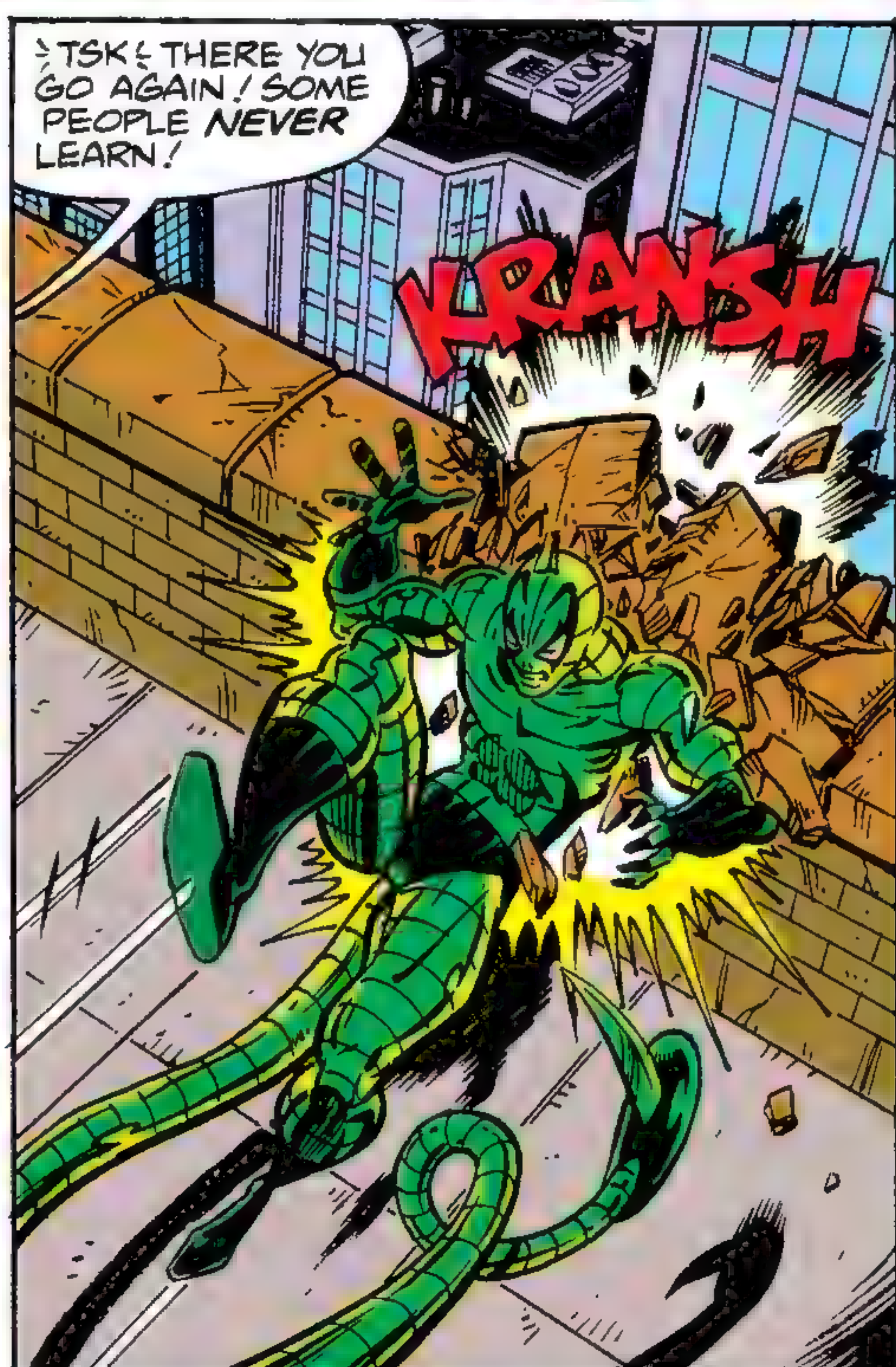
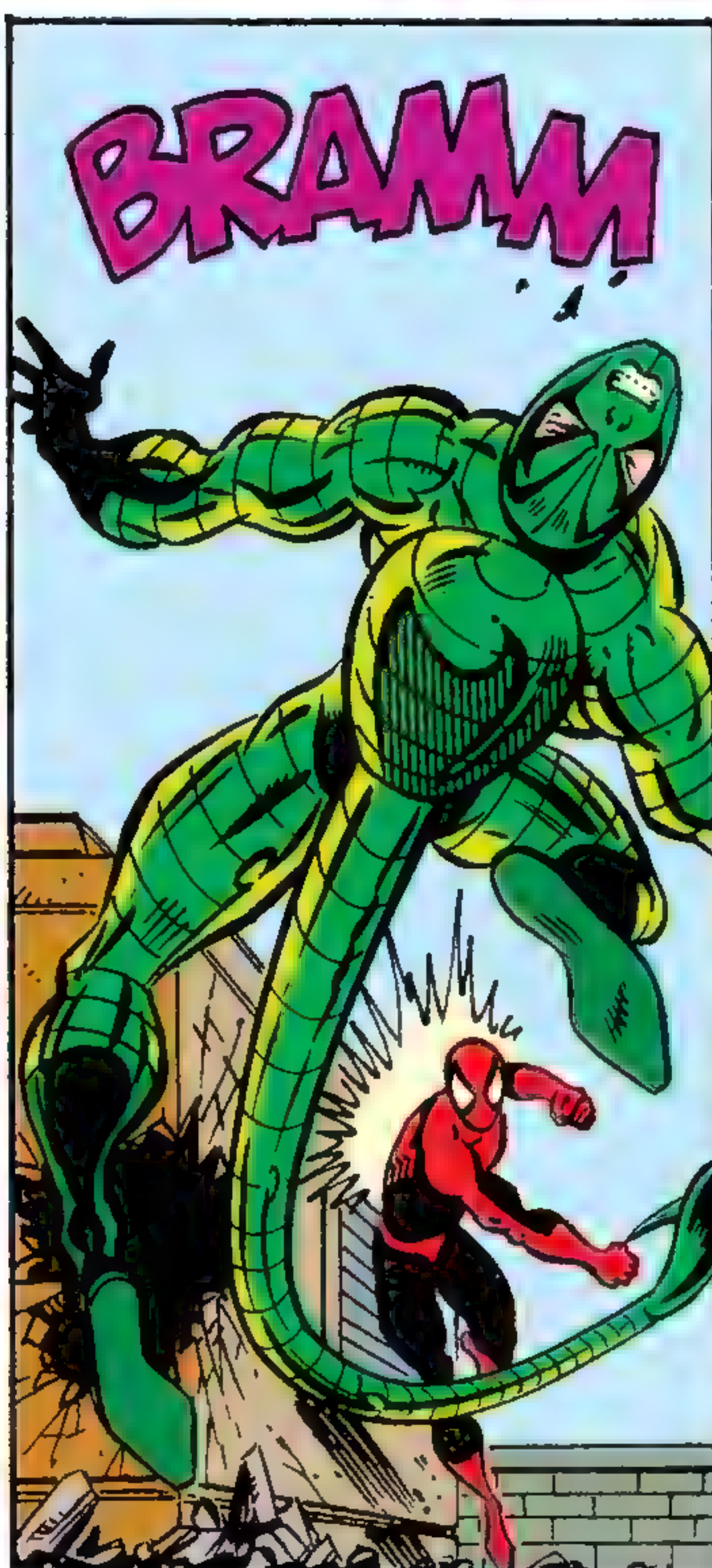
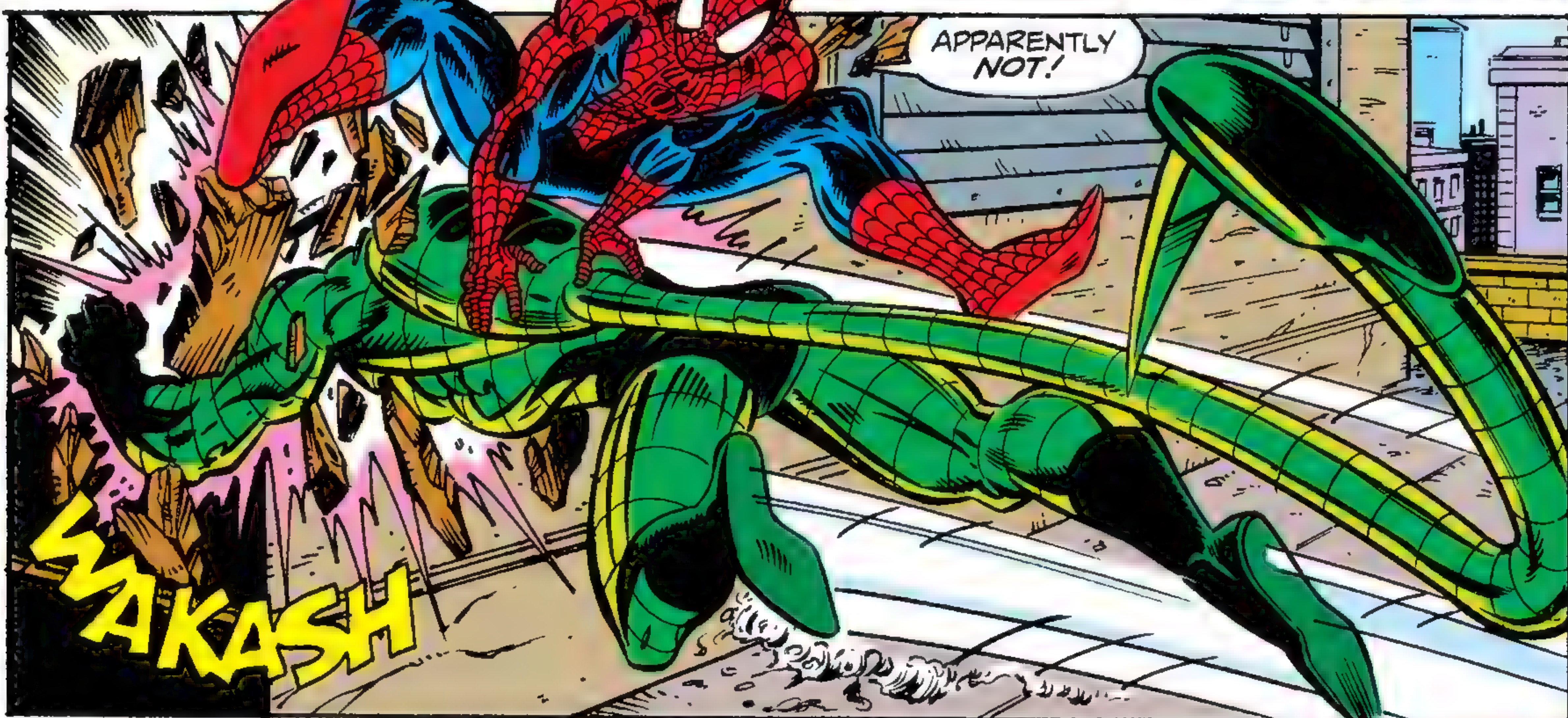
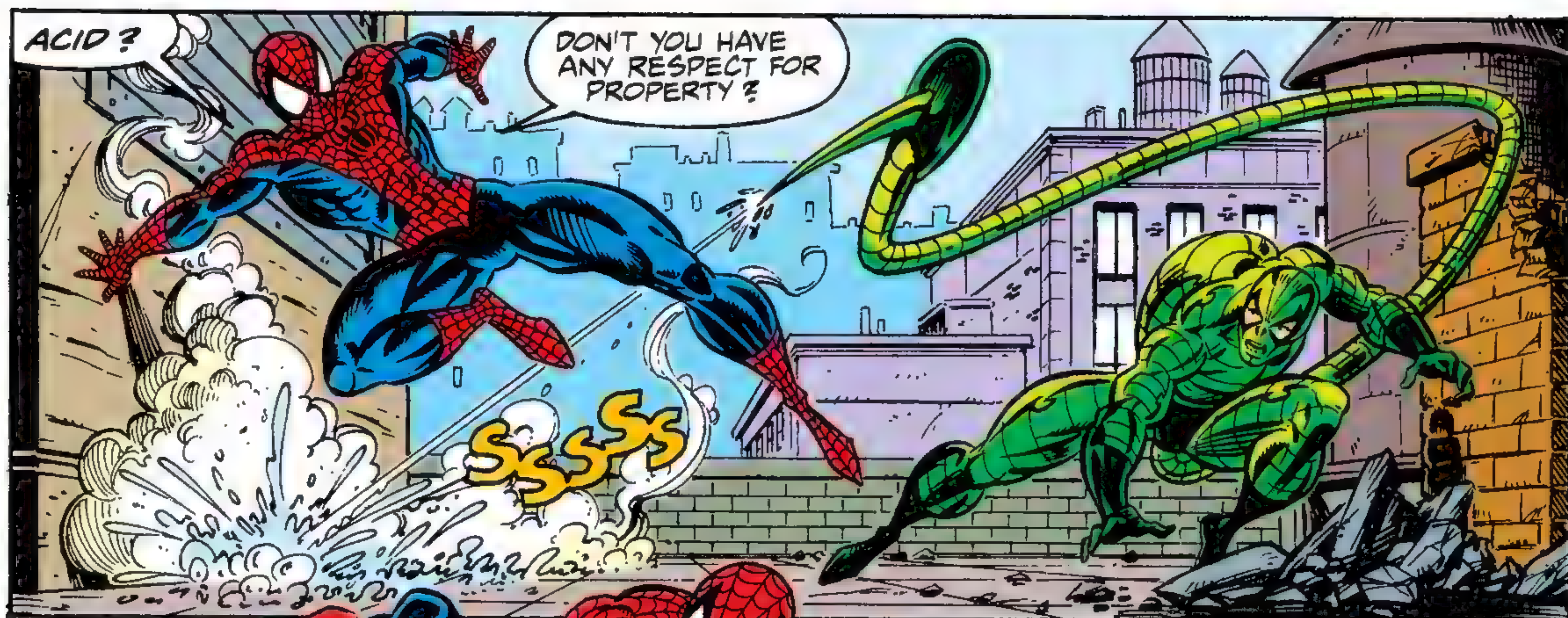
NICE PUNCH, SCORPY! THAT COSTUME OF YOURS KEEPS GETTING BETTER AND BETTER!

BUT ME, I'LL STICK WITH OL' RELIABLE! NAMELY--



CHOK

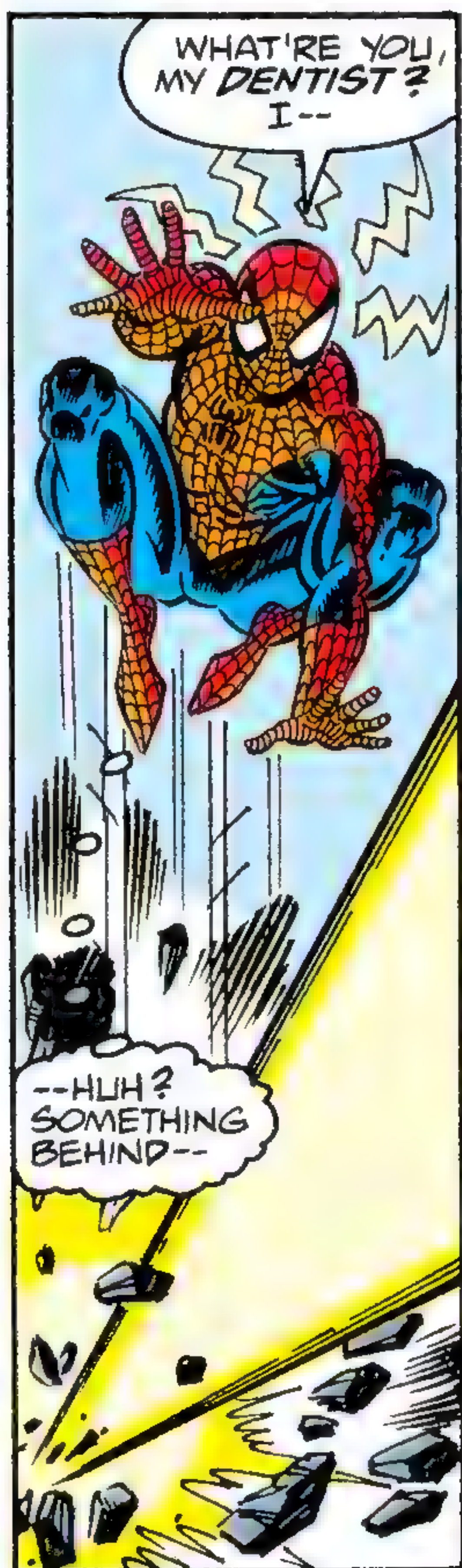
--THE PROPORTIONAL STRENGTH OF A SPIDER!





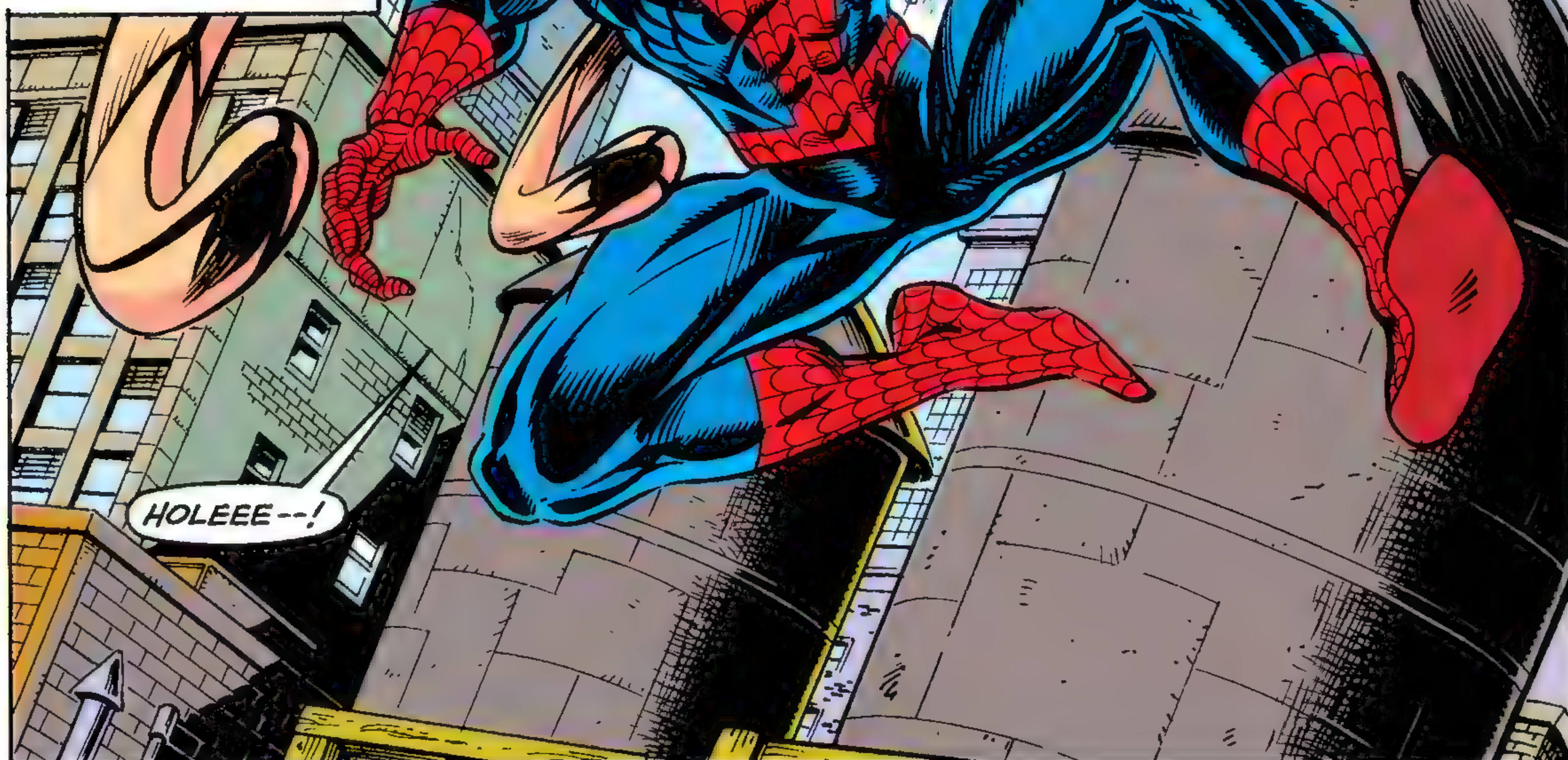
Y'KNOW
SOMETHIN' ?
THE ONLY THING
I HATE MORE'N
TEACHERS---

--IS GUYS
WITH **BIG**
MOUTHS!

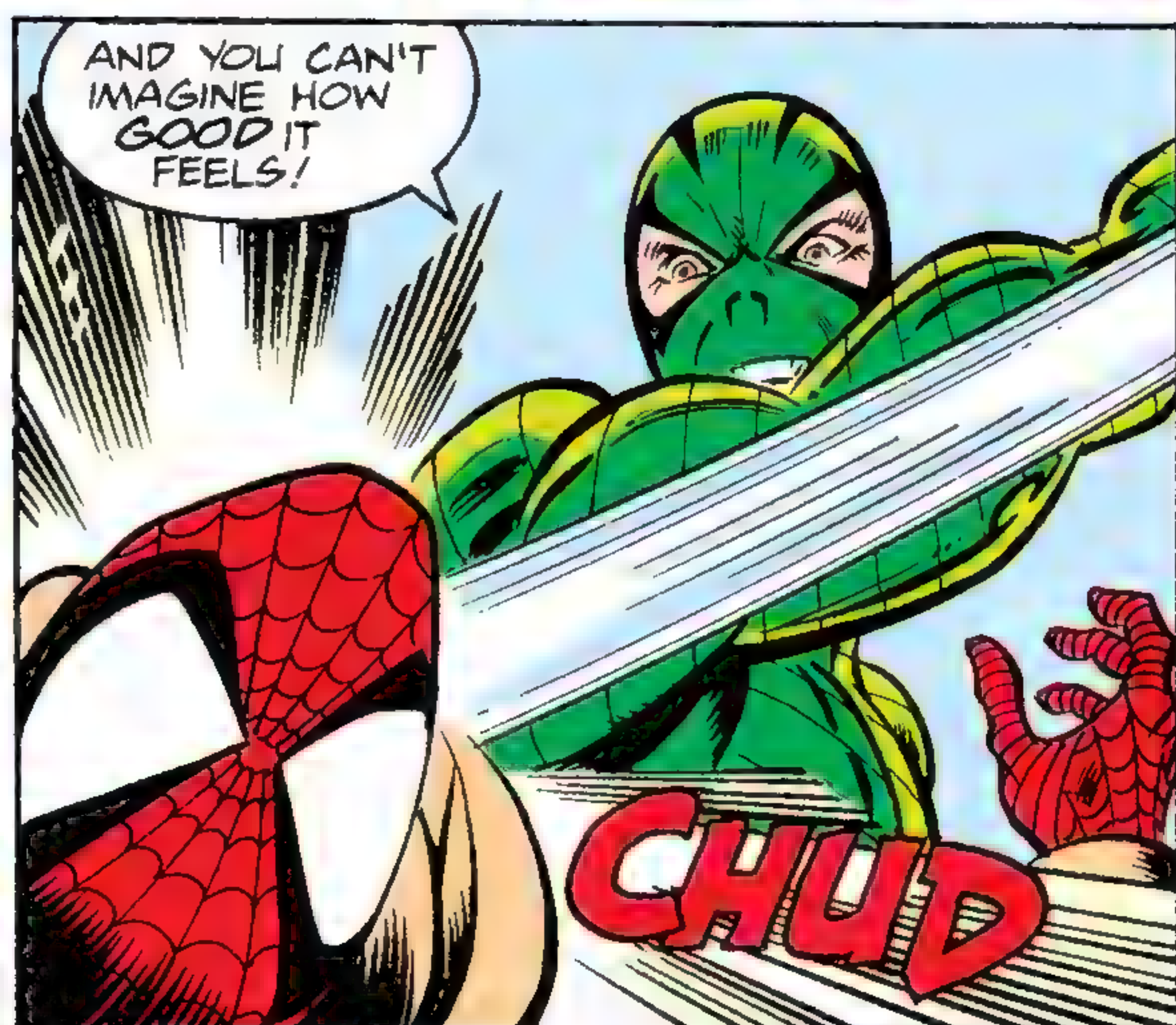
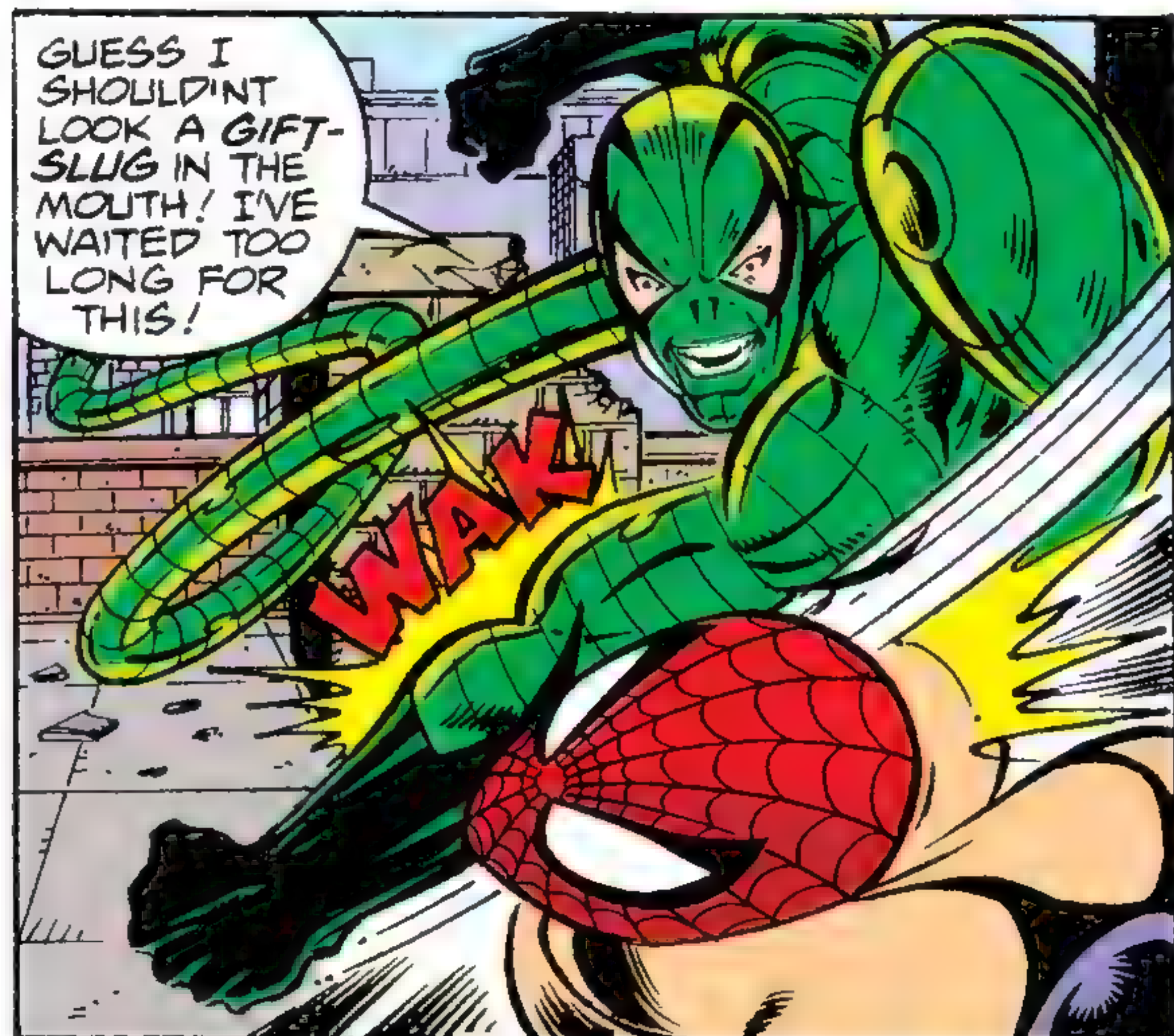
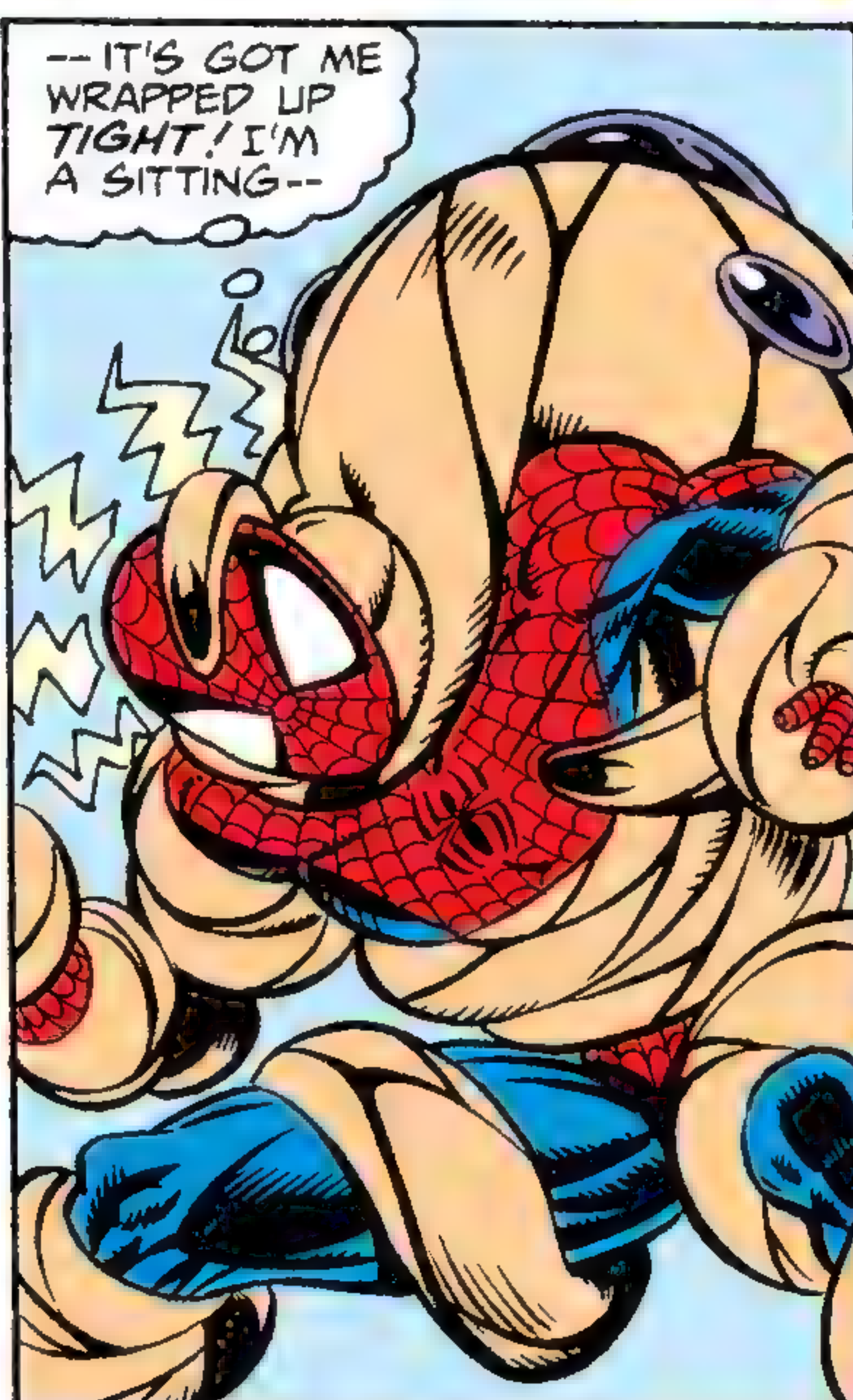
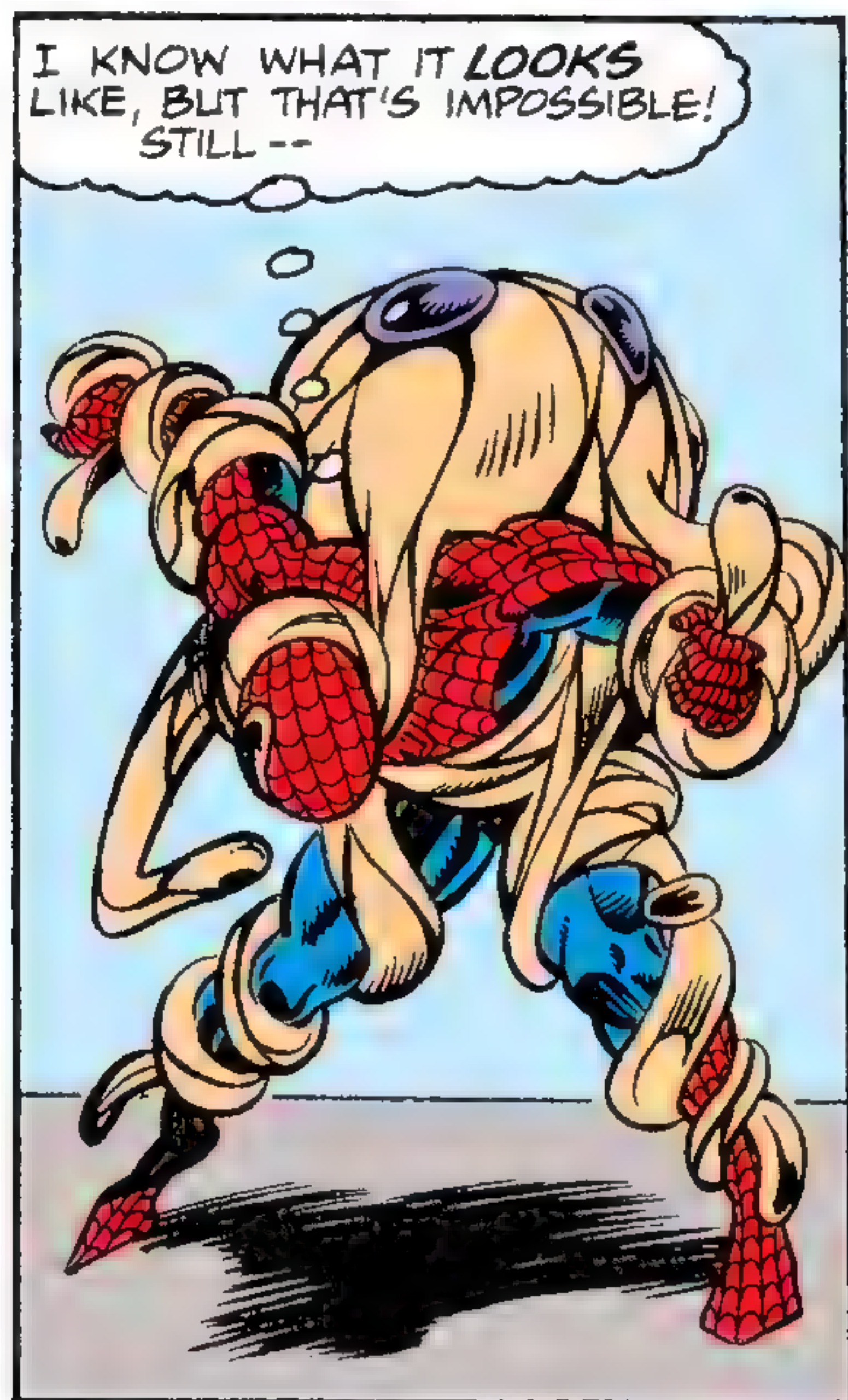
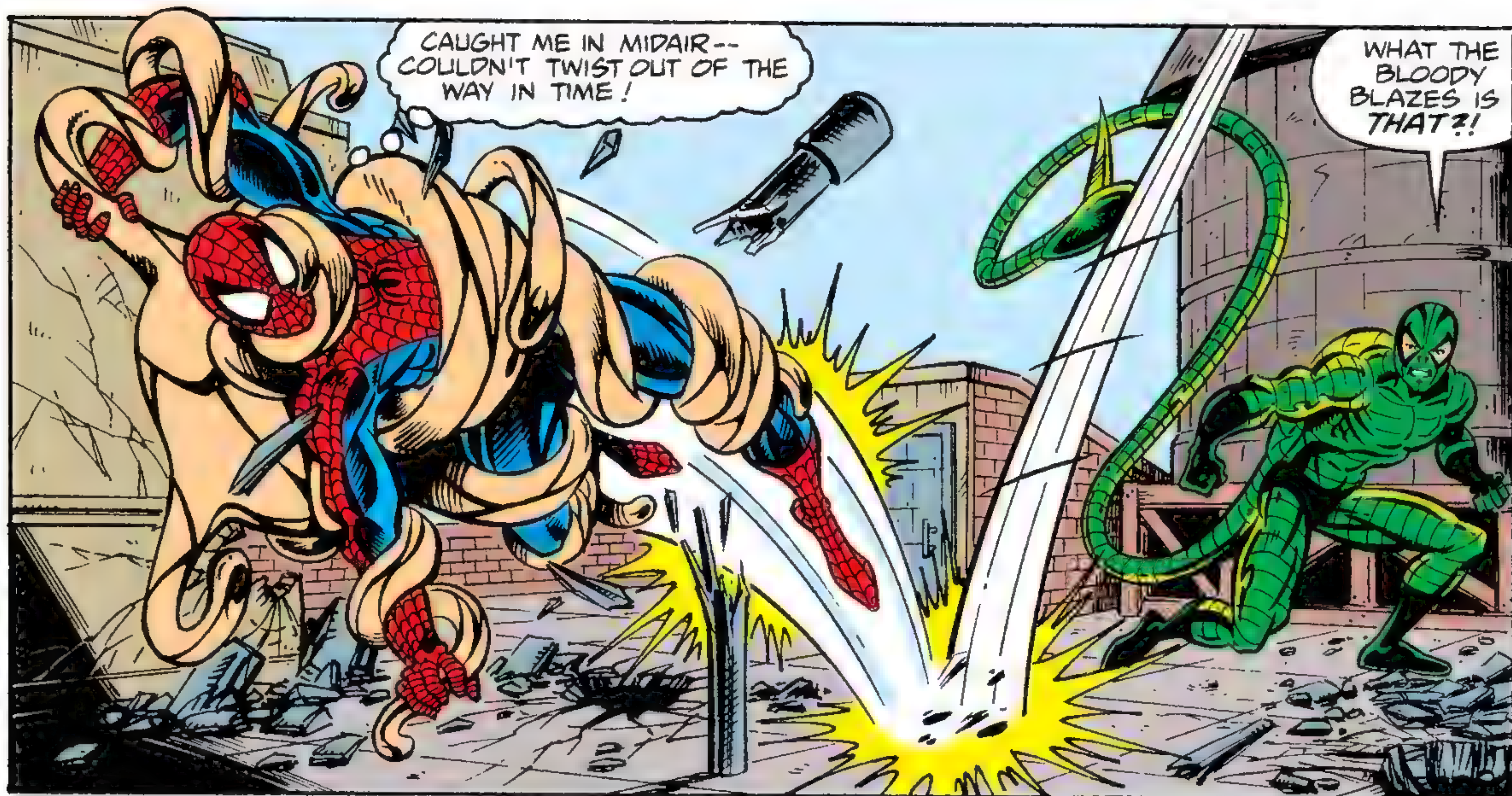


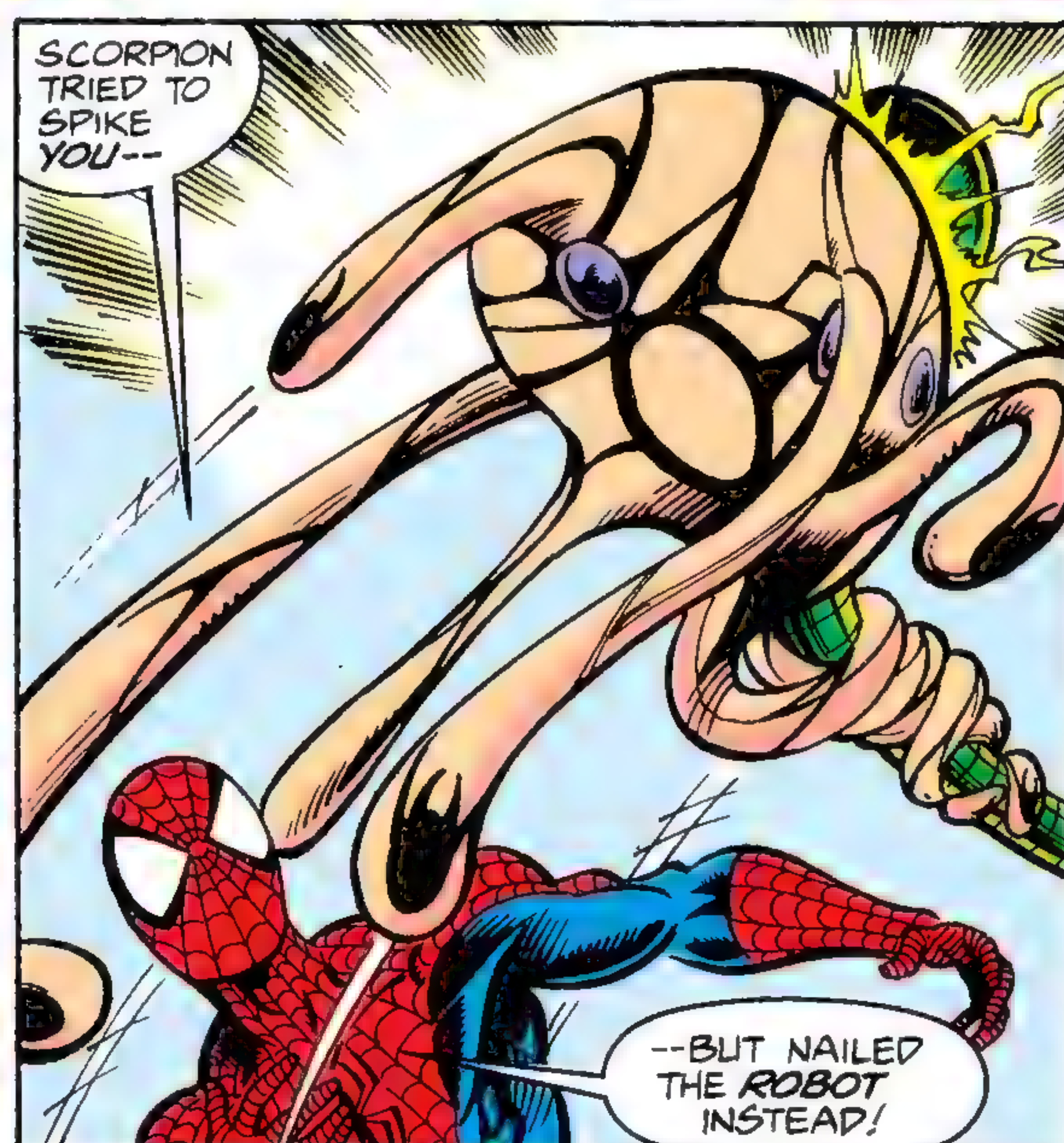
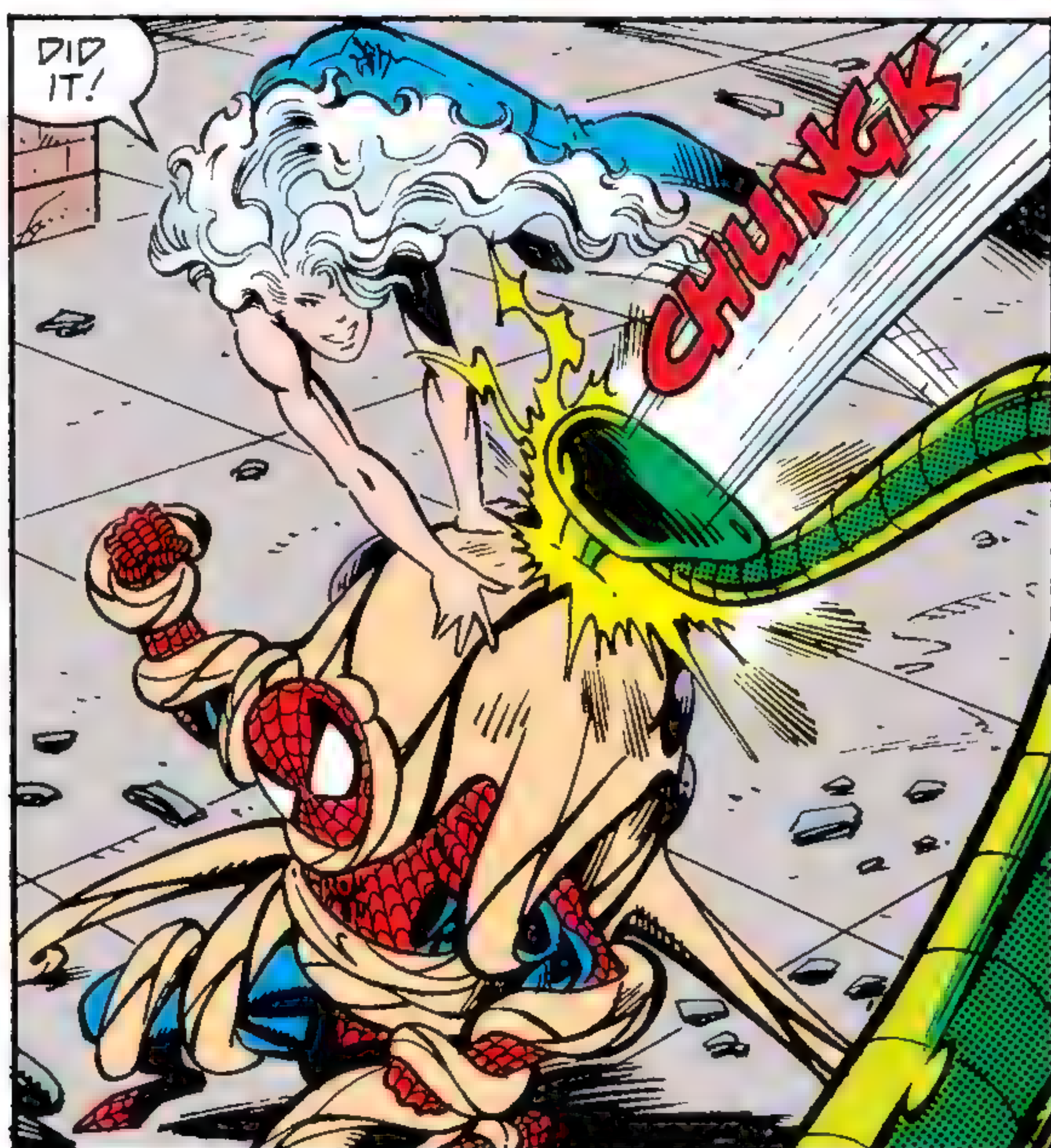
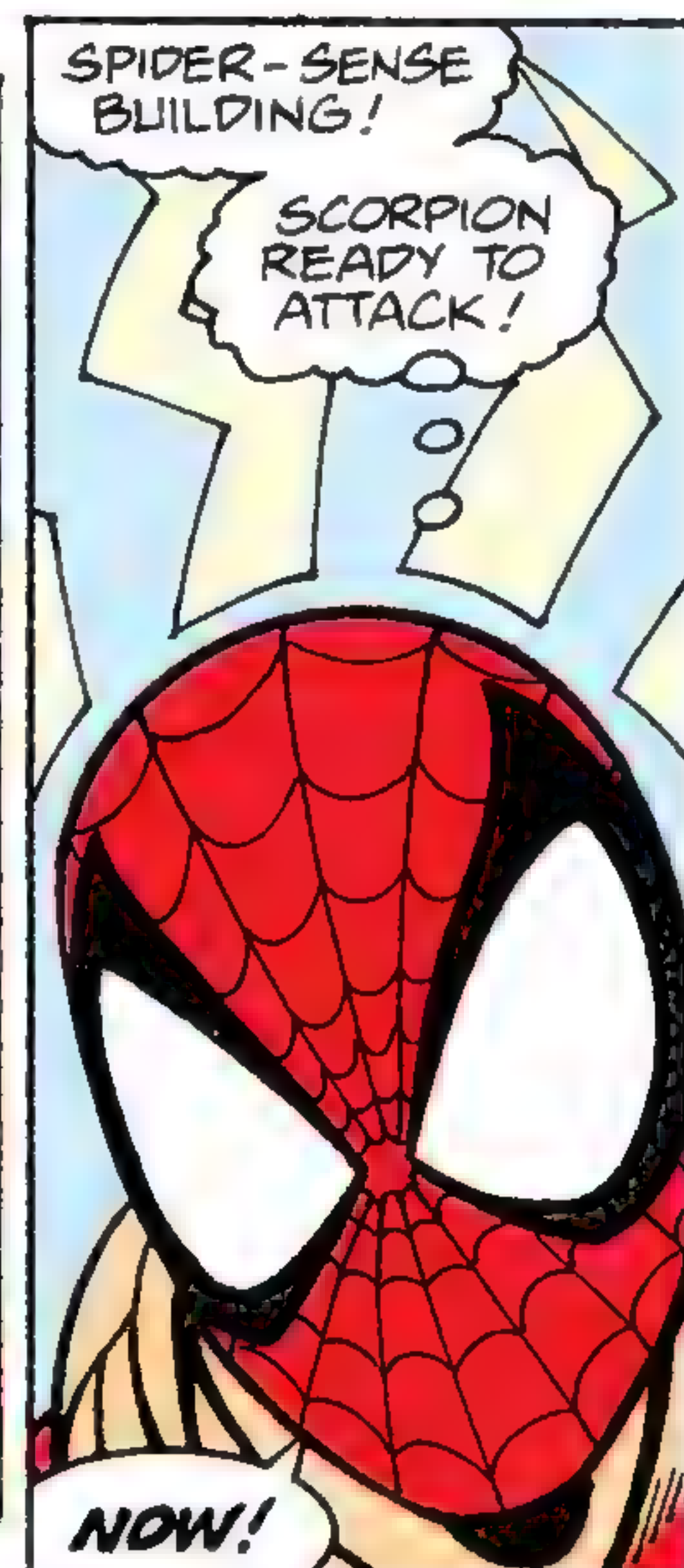
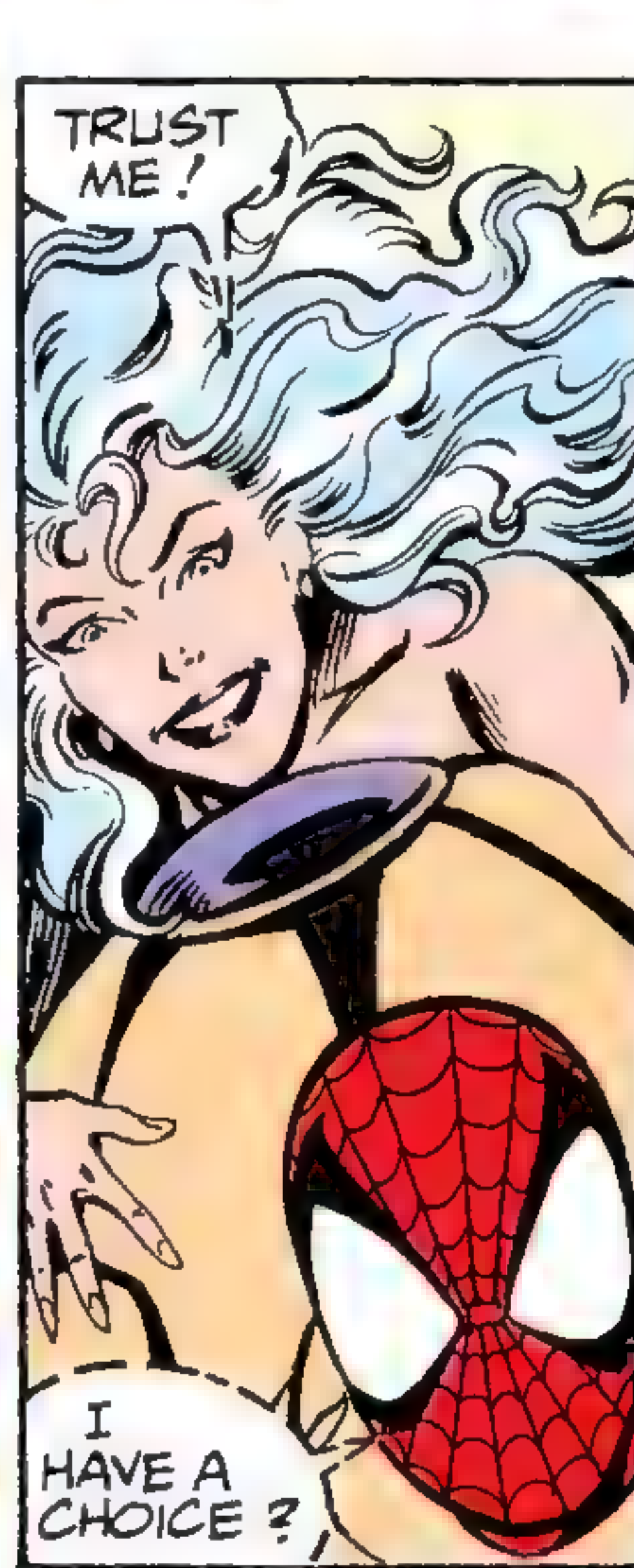
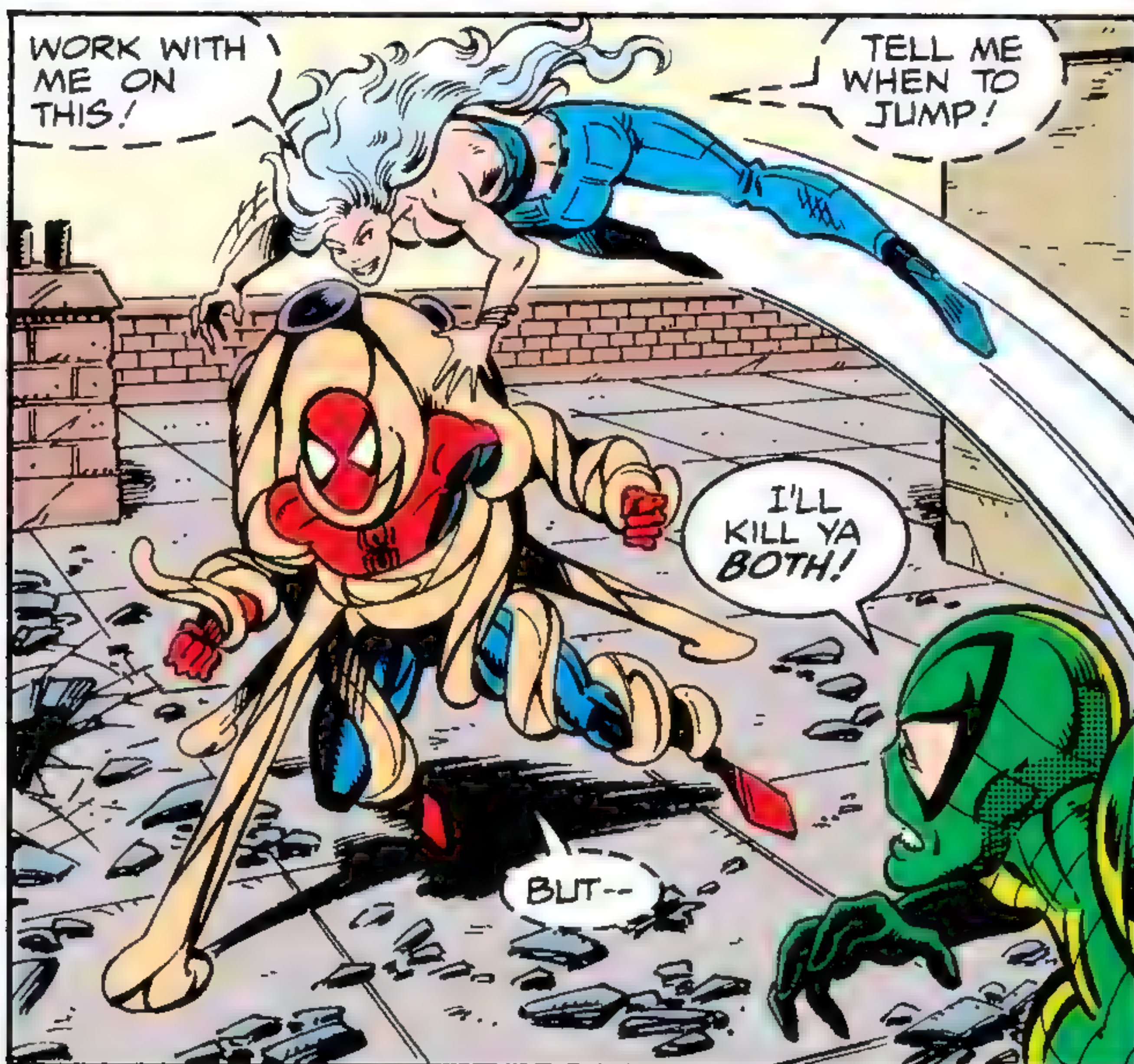
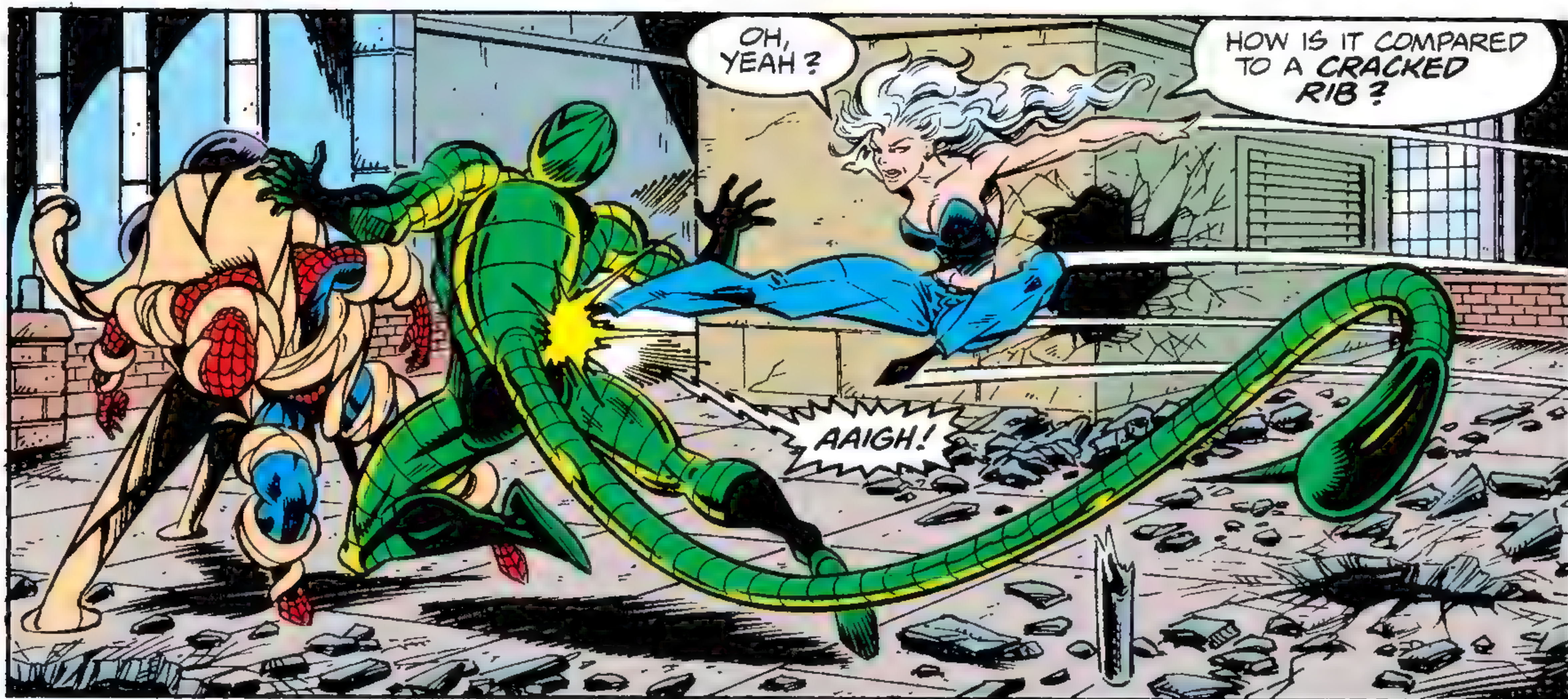
WHAT'RE YOU,
MY DENTIST ?
I--

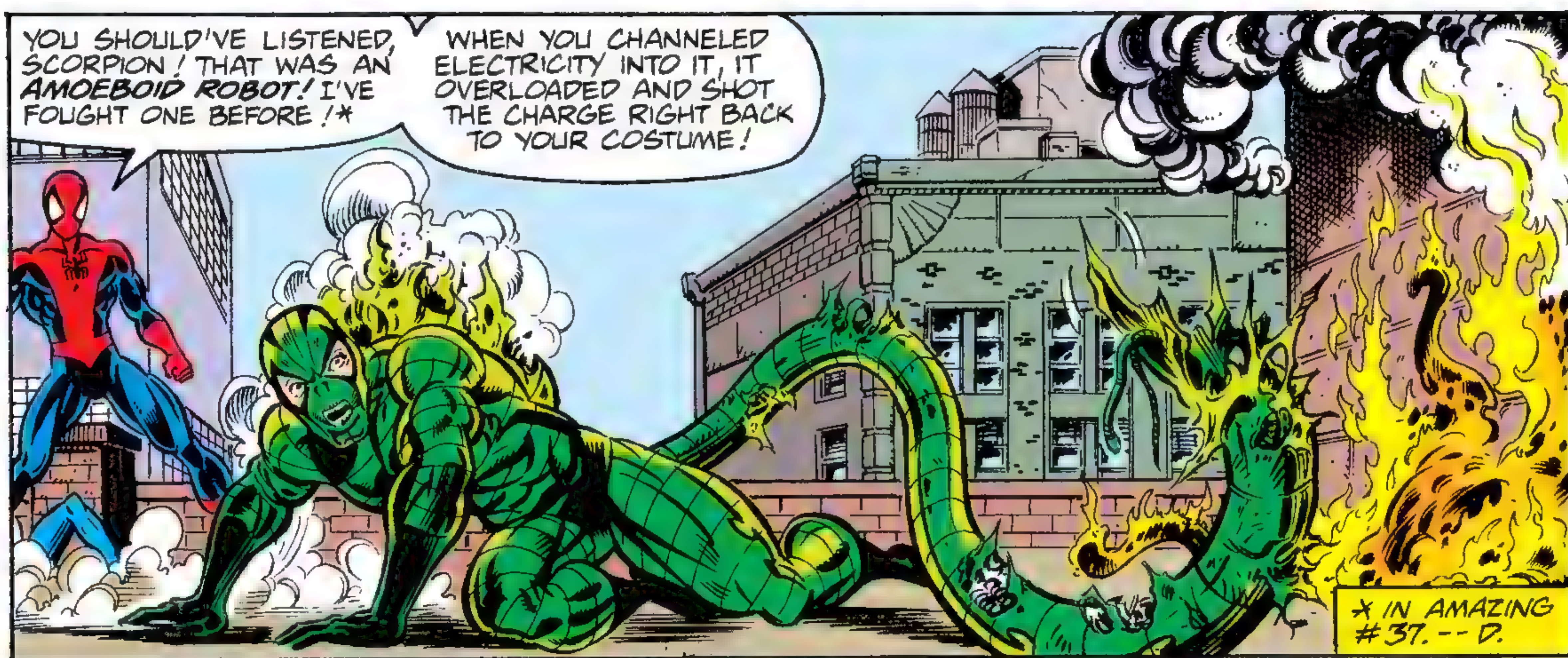
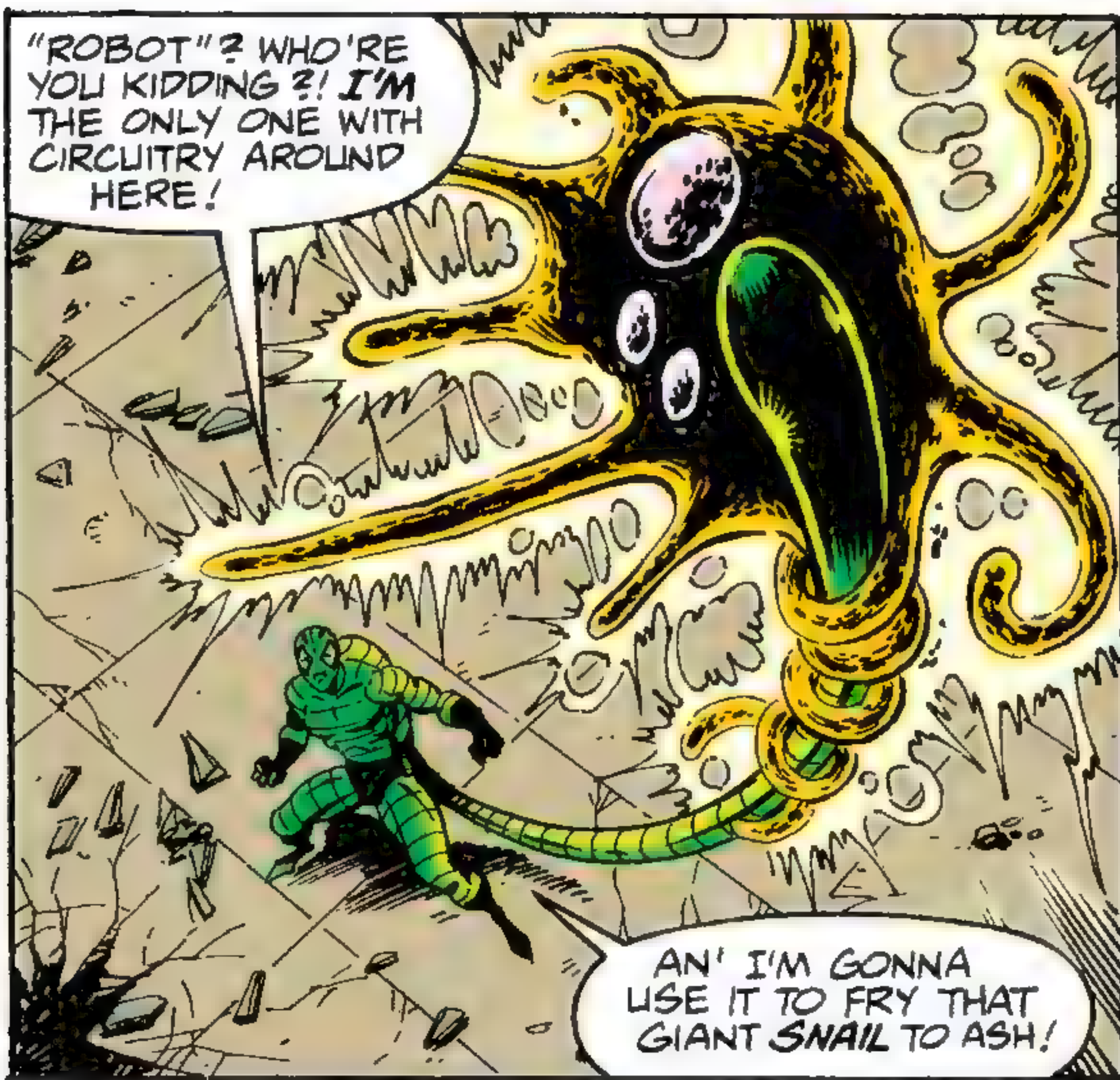
--HUUH ?
SOMETHING
BEHIND--

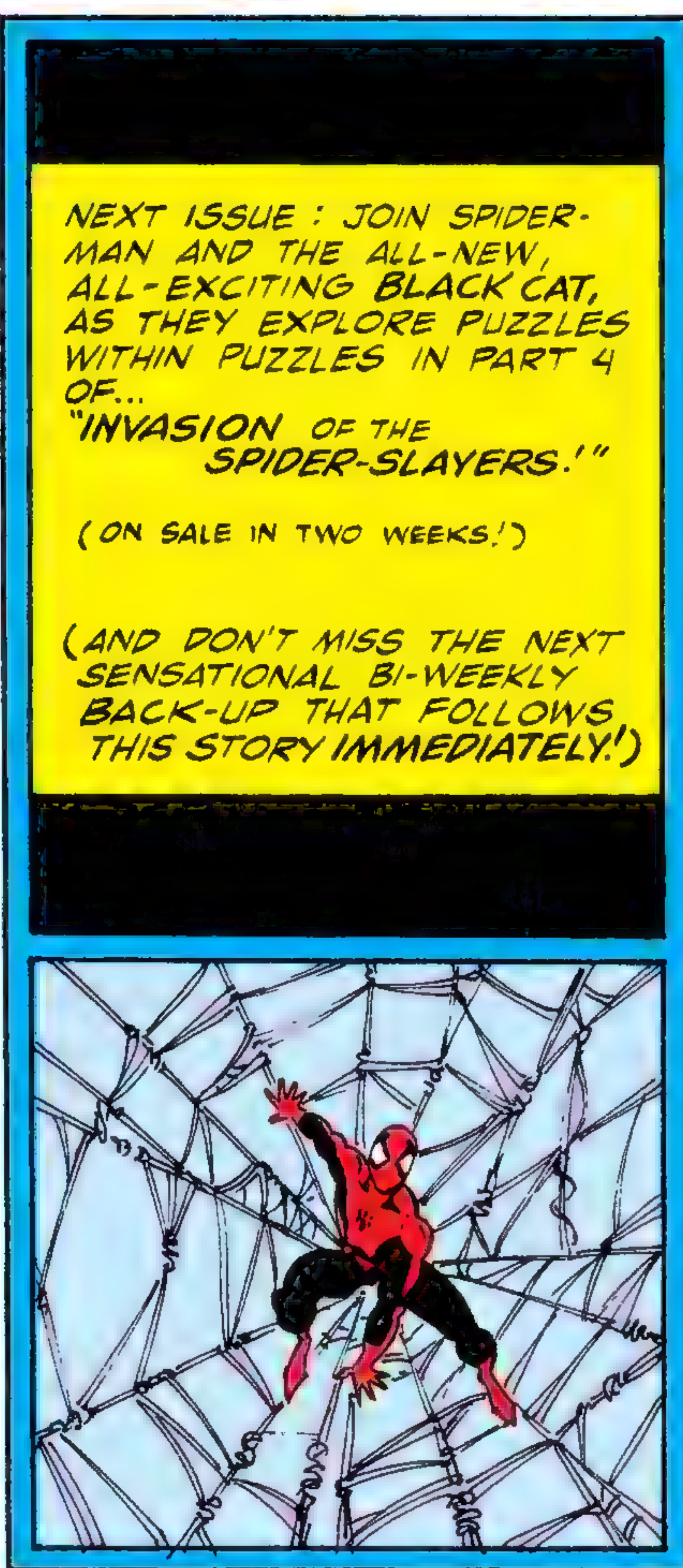
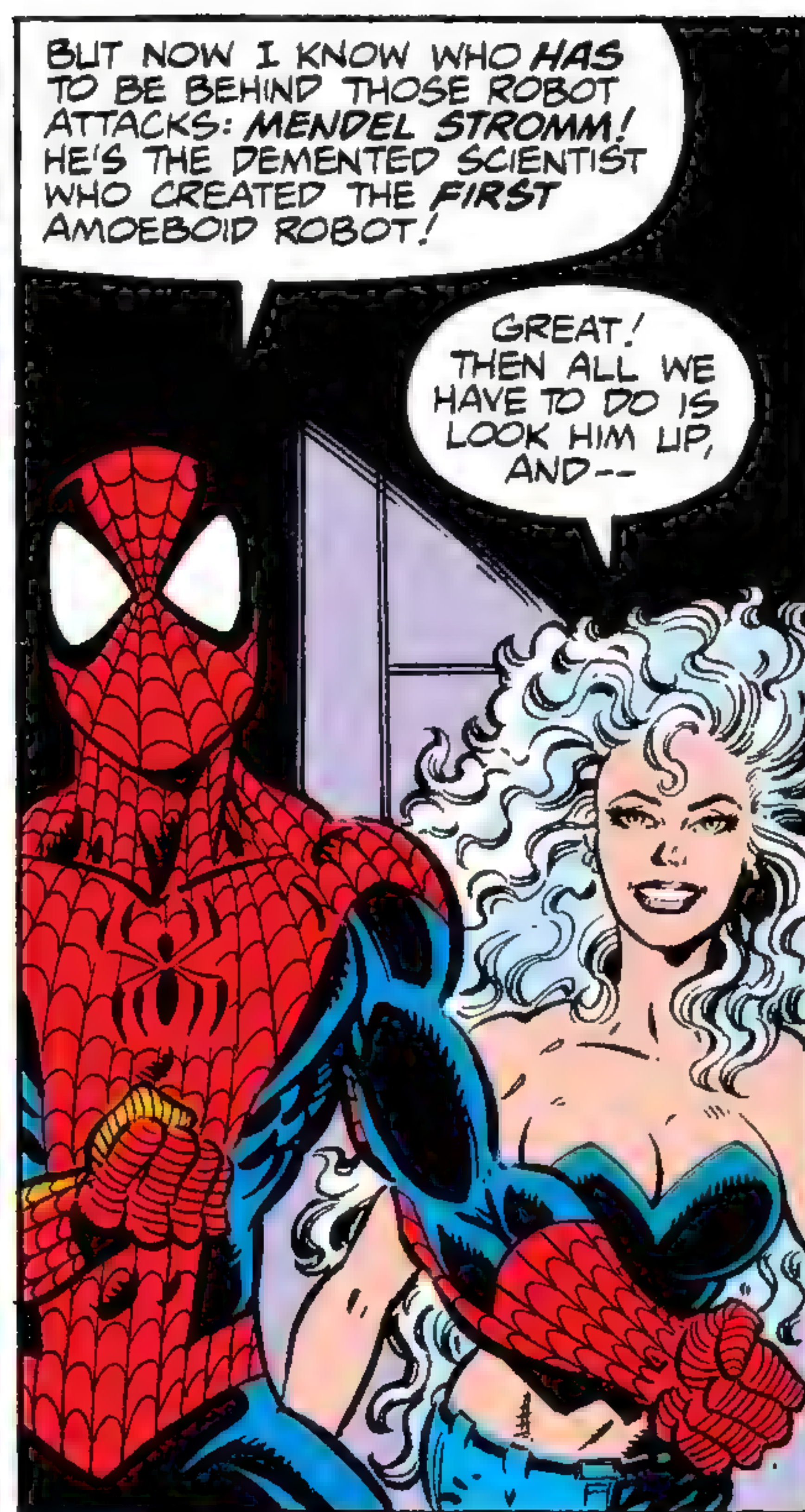
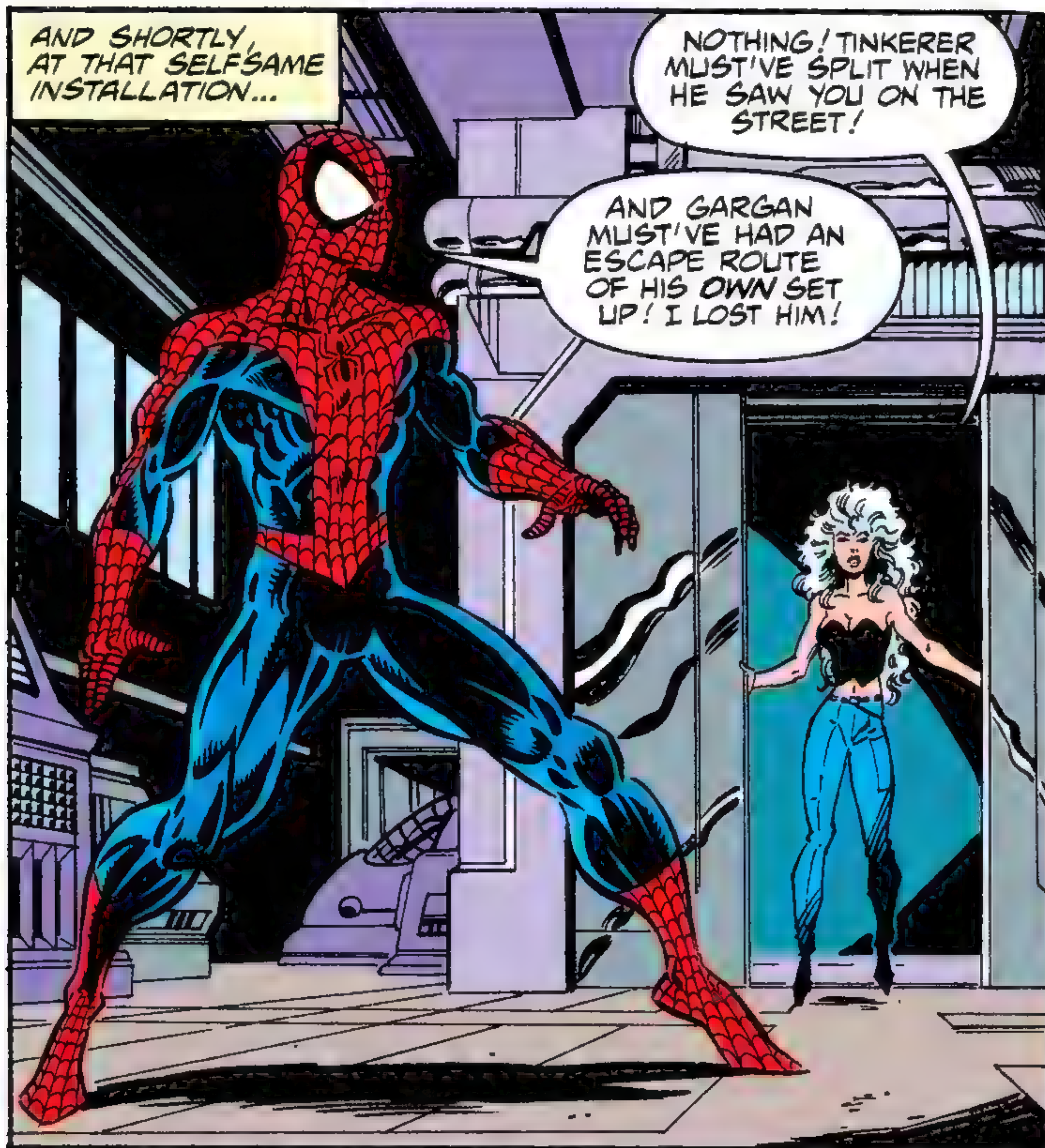


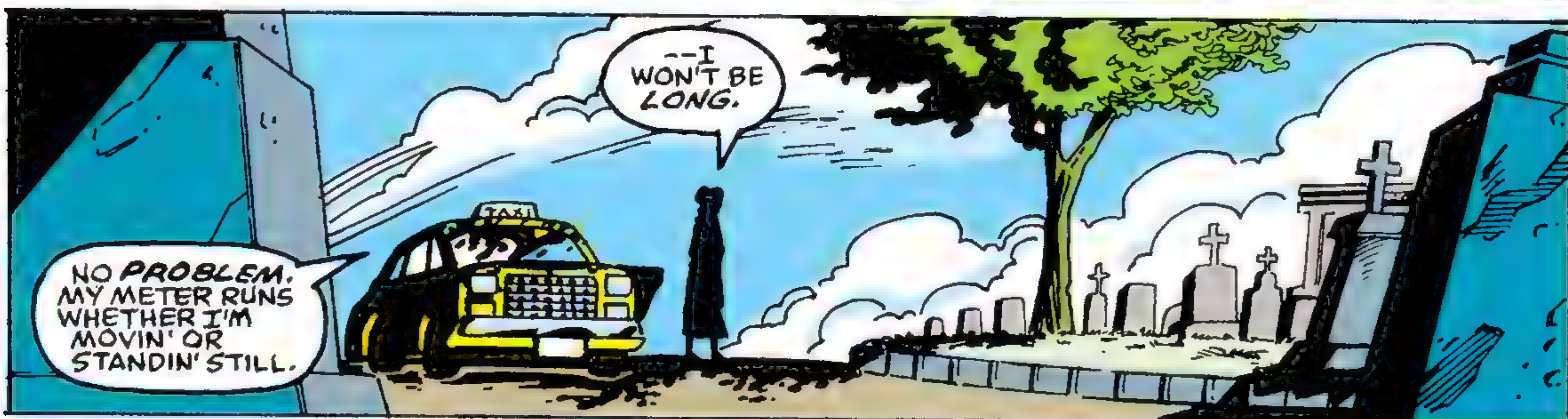
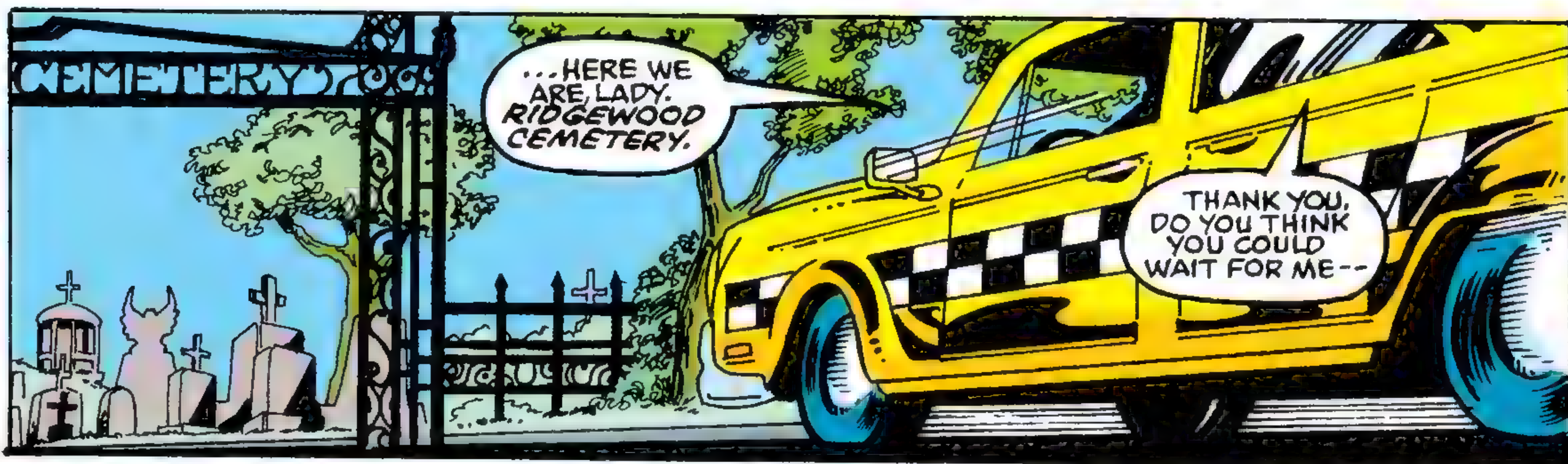
HOLEEE--!









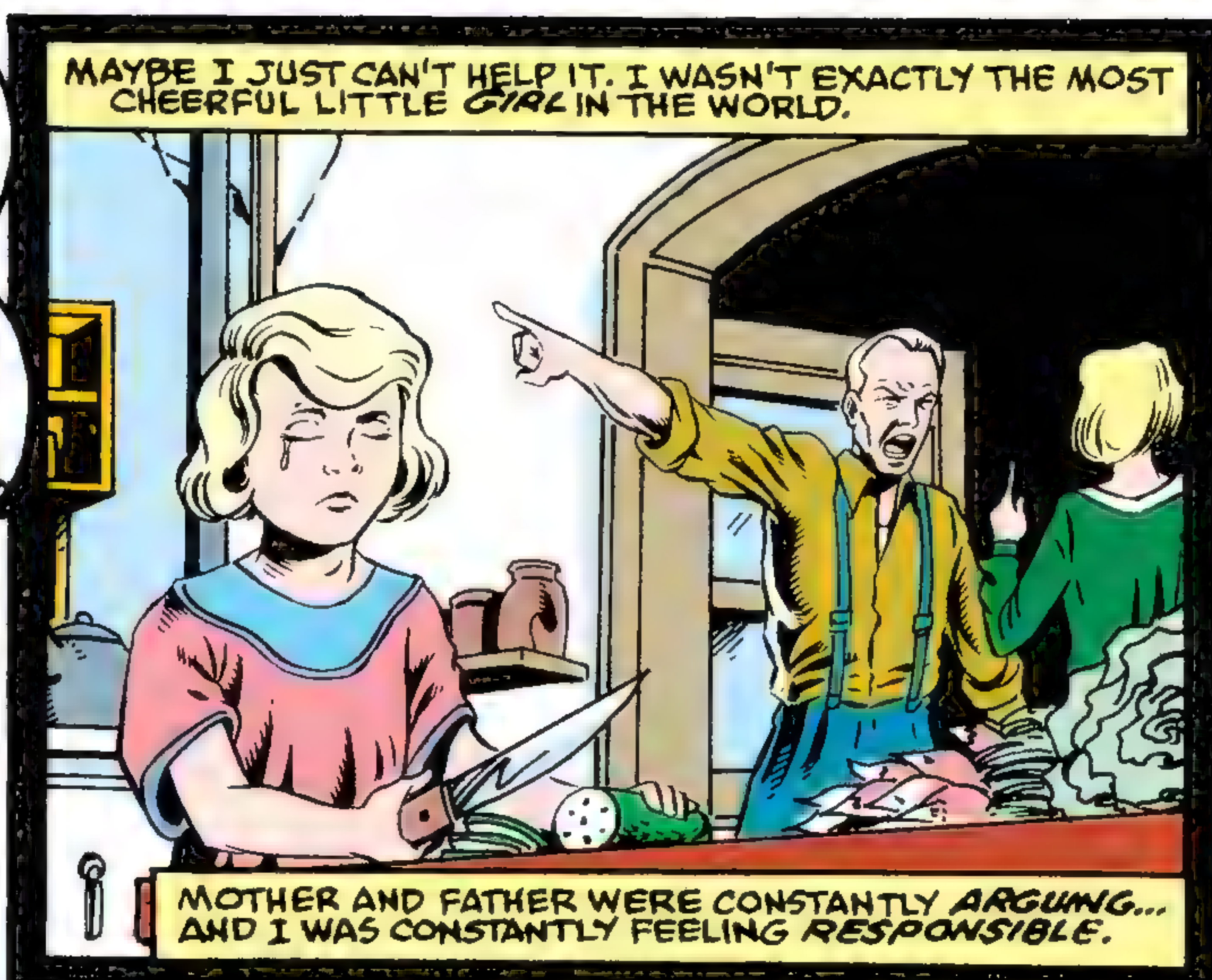




I DON'T UNDERSTAND. PETER'S PARENTS HAVE COME BACK TO US AFTER SO MANY YEARS... WE'RE A FAMILY AGAIN...

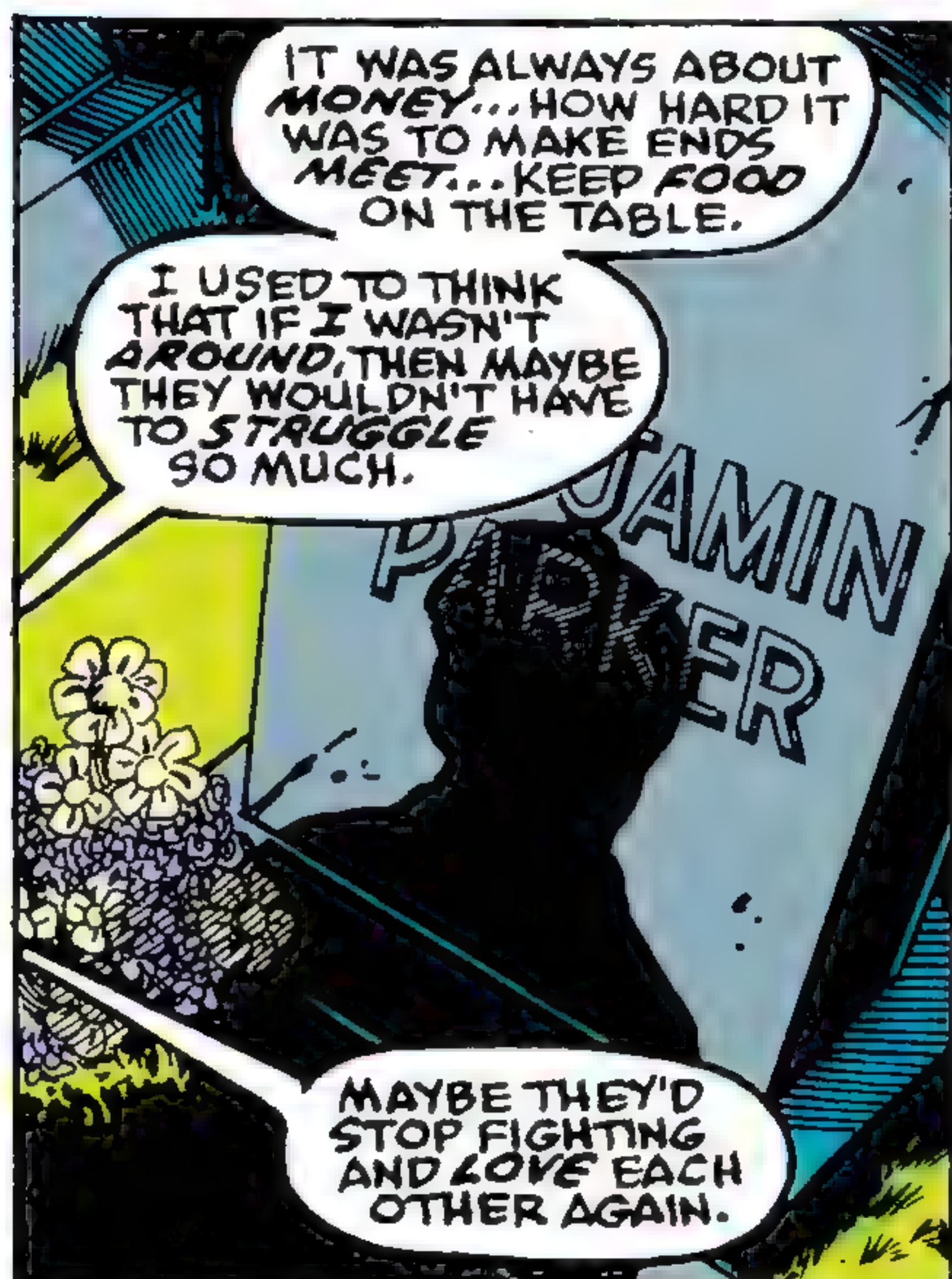
WHY CAN'T I BE HAPPY ABOUT THIS? OH, SOMETIMES I THINK I CAN'T BE HAPPY ABOUT ANYTHING.

REMEMBER WHAT YOU USED TO TELL ME? "THE ONLY TIME YOU'RE HAPPY, MAY, IS WHEN YOU'RE WORRYING."



MAYBE I JUST CAN'T HELP IT. I WASN'T EXACTLY THE MOST CHEERFUL LITTLE GIRL IN THE WORLD.

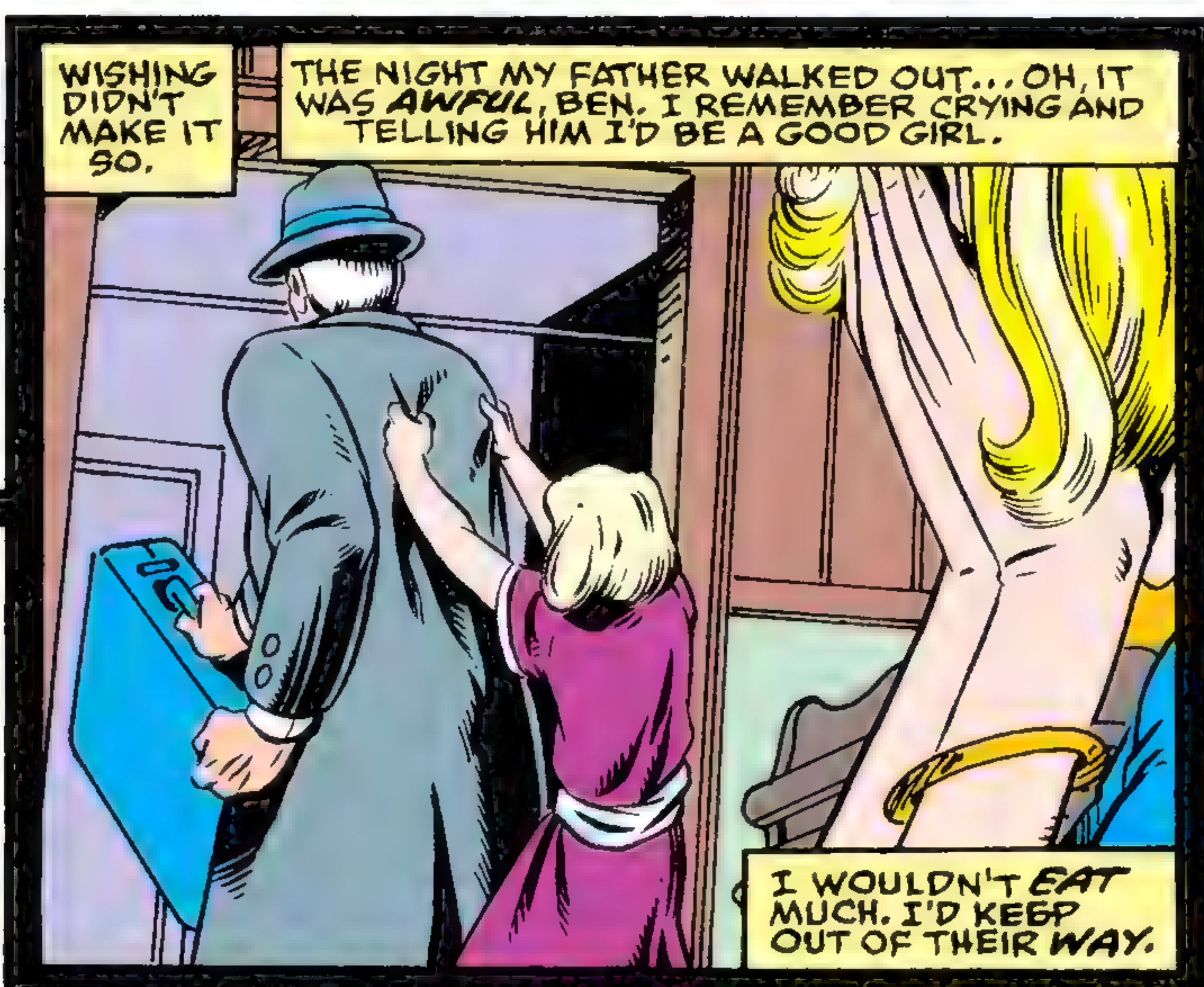
MOTHER AND FATHER WERE CONSTANTLY ARGUING... AND I WAS CONSTANTLY FEELING RESPONSIBLE.



IT WAS ALWAYS ABOUT MONEY... HOW HARD IT WAS TO MAKE ENDS MEET... KEEP FOOD ON THE TABLE.

I USED TO THINK THAT IF I WASN'T AROUND, THEN MAYBE THEY WOULDN'T HAVE TO STRUGGLE SO MUCH.

MAYBE THEY'D STOP FIGHTING AND LOVE EACH OTHER AGAIN.



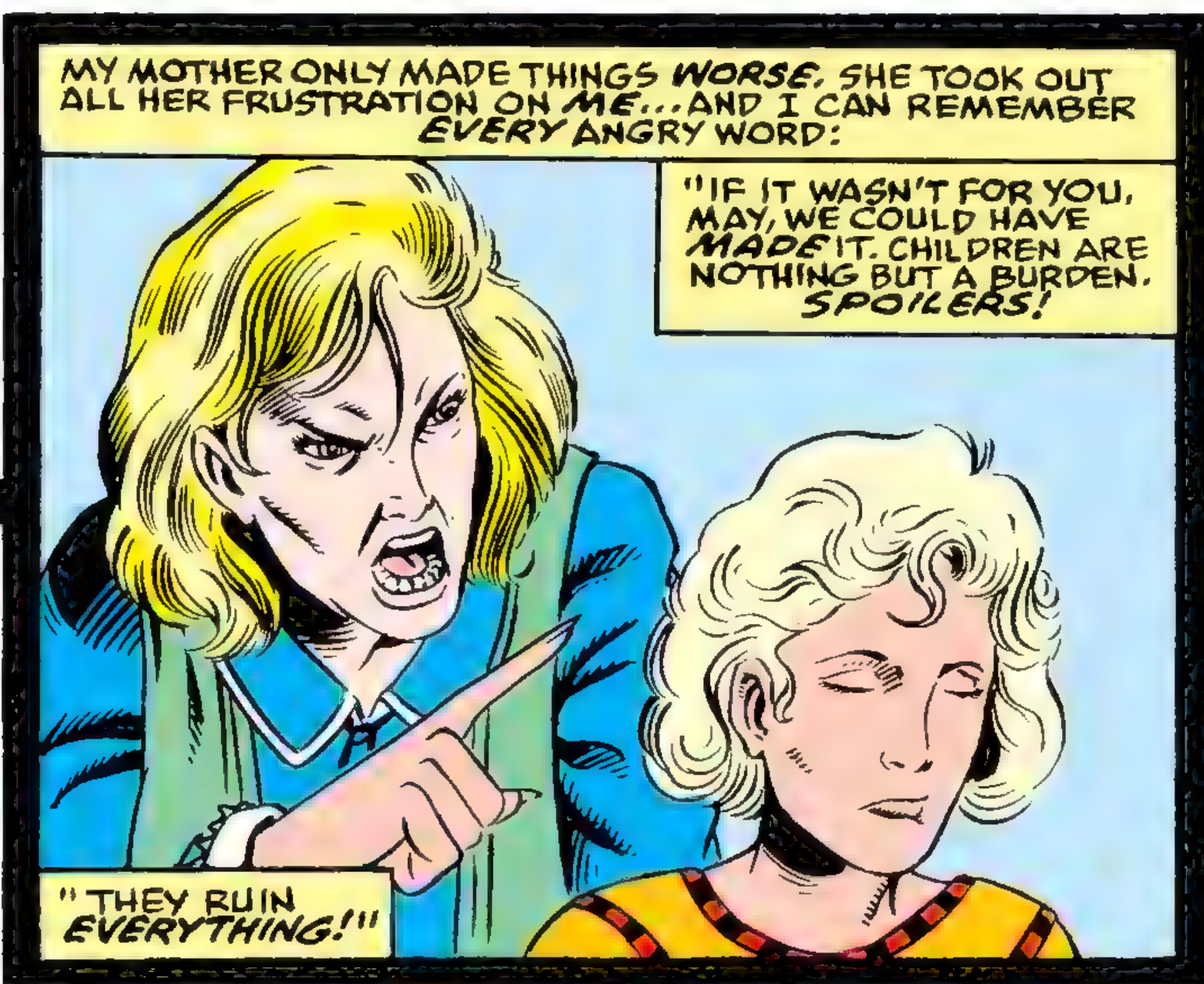
WISHING DIDN'T MAKE IT SO.

THE NIGHT MY FATHER WALKED OUT... OH, IT WAS AWFUL, BEN. I REMEMBER CRYING AND TELLING HIM I'D BE A GOOD GIRL.

I WOULDN'T EAT MUCH. I'D KEEP OUT OF THEIR WAY.



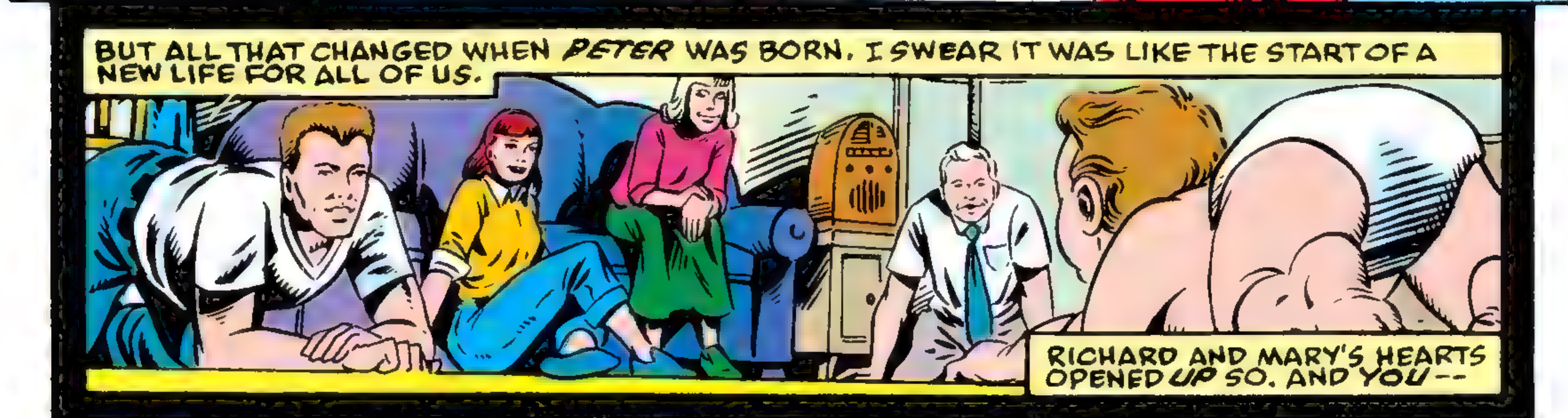
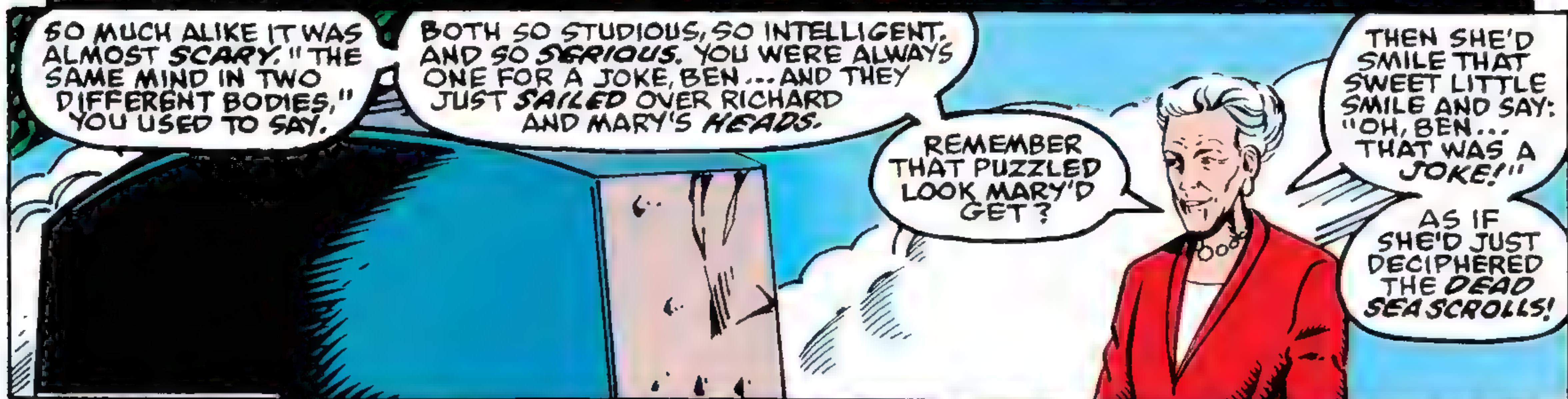
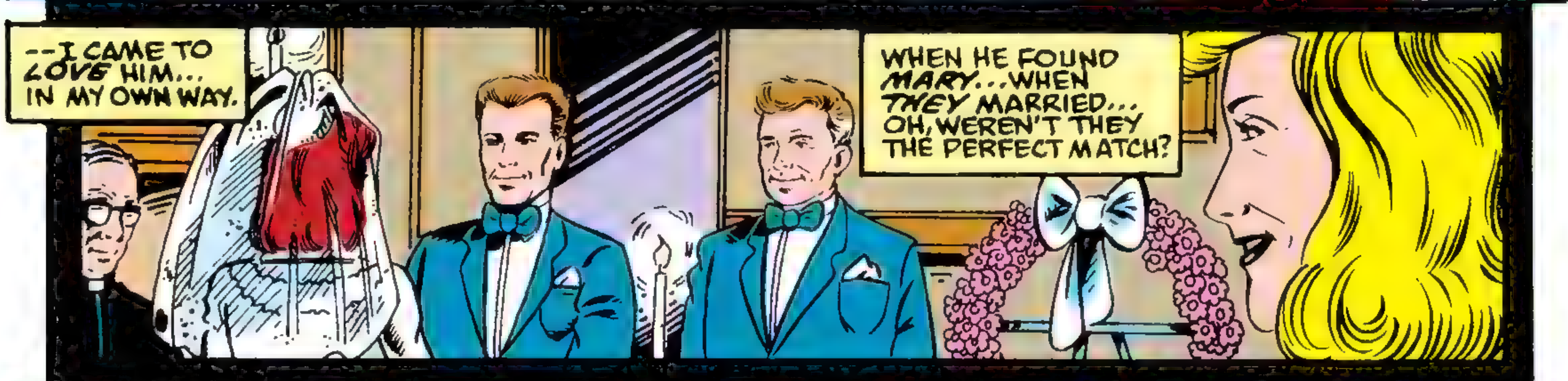
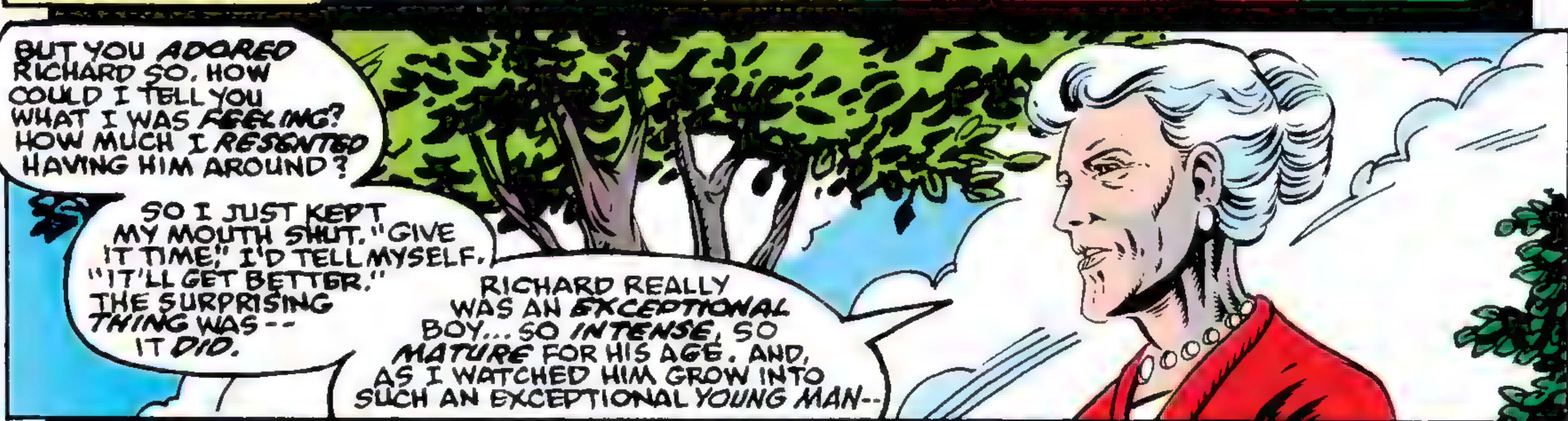
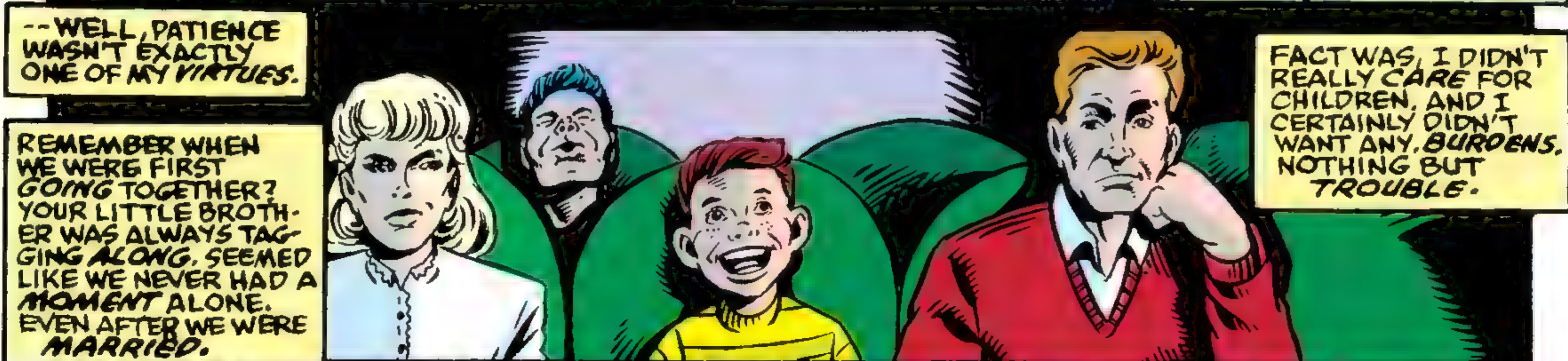
JUST PLEASE, DADDY, DON'T LEAVE.



MY MOTHER ONLY MADE THINGS WORSE. SHE TOOK OUT ALL HER FRUSTRATION ON ME... AND I CAN REMEMBER EVERY ANGRY WORD:

"IF IT WASN'T FOR YOU, MAY, WE COULD HAVE MADE IT. CHILDREN ARE NOTHING BUT A BURDEN. SPOILERS!"

"THEY RUIN EVERYTHING!"



I THINK PETER MADE UP FOR THE FACT THAT WE NEVER HAD ANY CHILDREN OF OUR OWN.

I NEVER SAID ANYTHING-- BUT SOMETIMES I THOUGHT THAT YOU LOVED PETER MORE THAN YOU LOVED ANYBODY... EVEN ME.

OH, I LOVED HIM, TOO. I DID. BUT THE TRUTH WAS I WAS GLAD HE WASN'T MINE. IT WAS A JOY WHENEVER HE VISITED. BUT I WAS ALWAYS SO RELIEVED--

-- WHEN HE'D GO HOME.

WHEN WE GOT THE WORD THAT RICHARD AND MARY WERE KILLED IN THAT CRASH... WHEN WE REALIZED THAT WE'D HAVE TO RAISE PETER... OH, I HATE TO ADMIT THIS--

-- BUT MY FIRST REACTION WAS ANGER; I WAS MAD AT THEM FOR DYING. FOR LEAVING US WITH SUCH AN INCREDIBLE RESPONSIBILITY.

I KEPT THINKING ABOUT WHAT HAVING CHILDREN DID TO MY FAMILY... AND I WAS SURE PETER WAS GOING TO DO THE SAME THING. COME BETWEEN US. DESTROY OUR LOVE.

HOW INCREDIBLY STUPID... HOW INCREDIBLY WRONG CAN A WOMAN BE?

ACTUALLY, AT FIRST, IT SEEMED I WAS RIGHT. YOU AND THAT BOY HAD SUCH A BOND... I ALWAYS FELT LIKE THE OUTSIDER. LIKE I DIDN'T BELONG. AND I WITHDREW.

BUT PETER CHANGED ALL THAT.

REMEMBER HOW HE USED TO HELP ME IN THE GARDEN? WITHOUT MY EVEN ASKING? I'D LOOK OVER-- AND THERE HE'D BE, ALL COVERED IN DIRT, DIGGING UP THE WEEDS.

OR THOSE TIMES HE'D JUST WALK UP TO ME... GIVE ME A HUG AND A KISS... AND THEN GO ON ABOUT HIS BUSINESS.

HE HAD RICHARD AND MARY'S INTELLECT, THAT WAS SURE... BUT, BEN, HE HAD YOUR HEART.

AND HE JUST MELTED ME.

AS THE YEARS PASSED, YOU AND PETER TAUGHT ME SO MUCH ABOUT LOVE... ABOUT WHAT A FAMILY CAN REALLY BE...

AND MAYBE... MAYBE I OVER-DID IT A LITTLE... WITH ALL MY FUSSING OVER PETER, ALL MY WORRYING.

YOU ALWAYS TOLD ME I WAS OVER-PROTECTIVE.

BUT, PETER... HE WAS LIKE A GIFT FROM GOD, BEN. A GIFT FROM GOD.

AND NOW THAT WE HAVE MARY JANE WITH US... WHY, MY HEART CAN HARDLY CONTAIN THE JOY.

YOU WON'T BELIEVE THIS, BUT I'M CONSTANTLY PESTERING HER ABOUT CHILDREN. "ARE YOU PREGNANT YET? NOW DON'T WASTE TIME!"

IMAGINE THAT! ME!

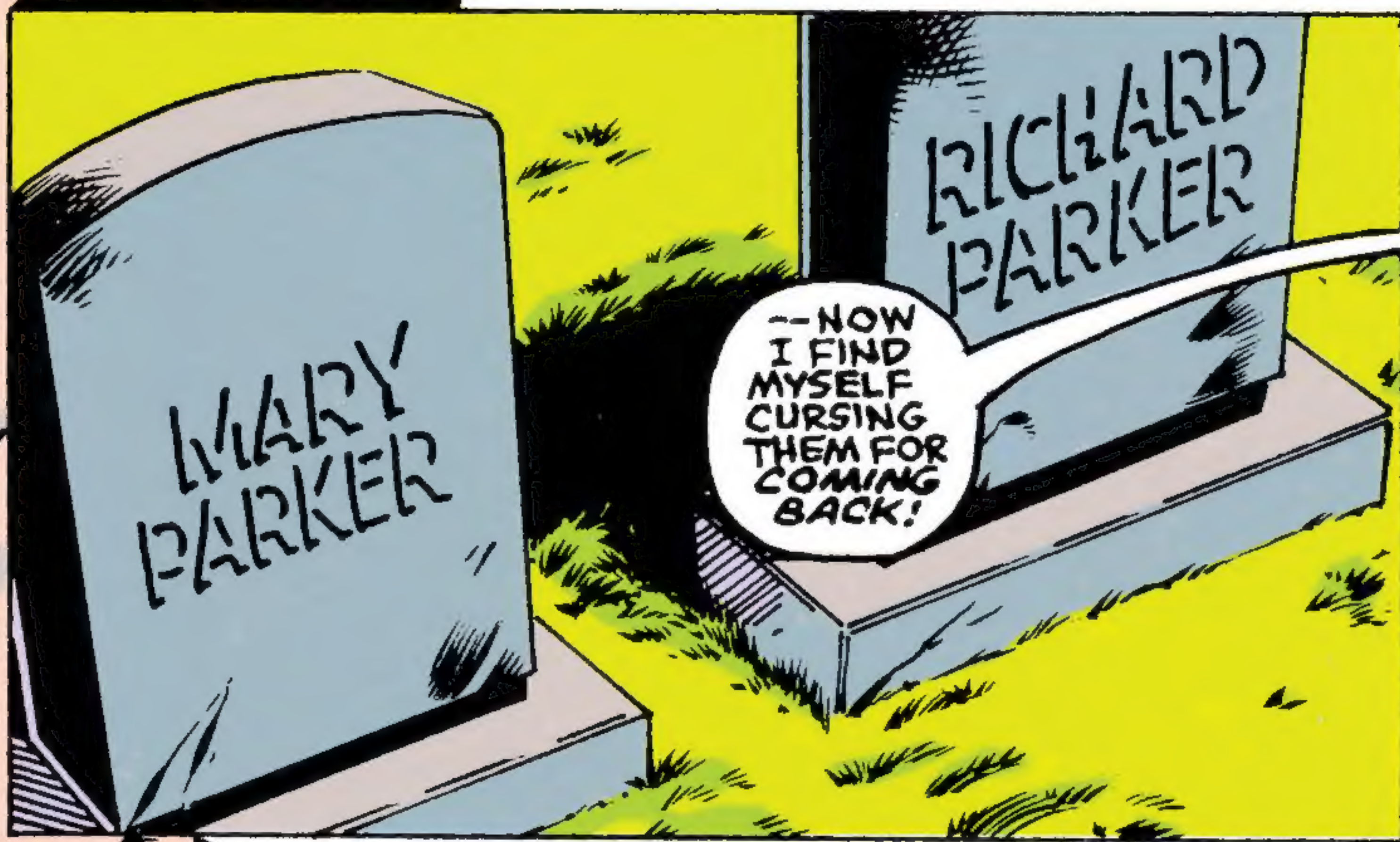


PETER'S GIVEN ME SO MUCH, BEN,
AND NOW... NOW I'M SO AFRAID
THAT THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE
HIM AWAY FROM ME!

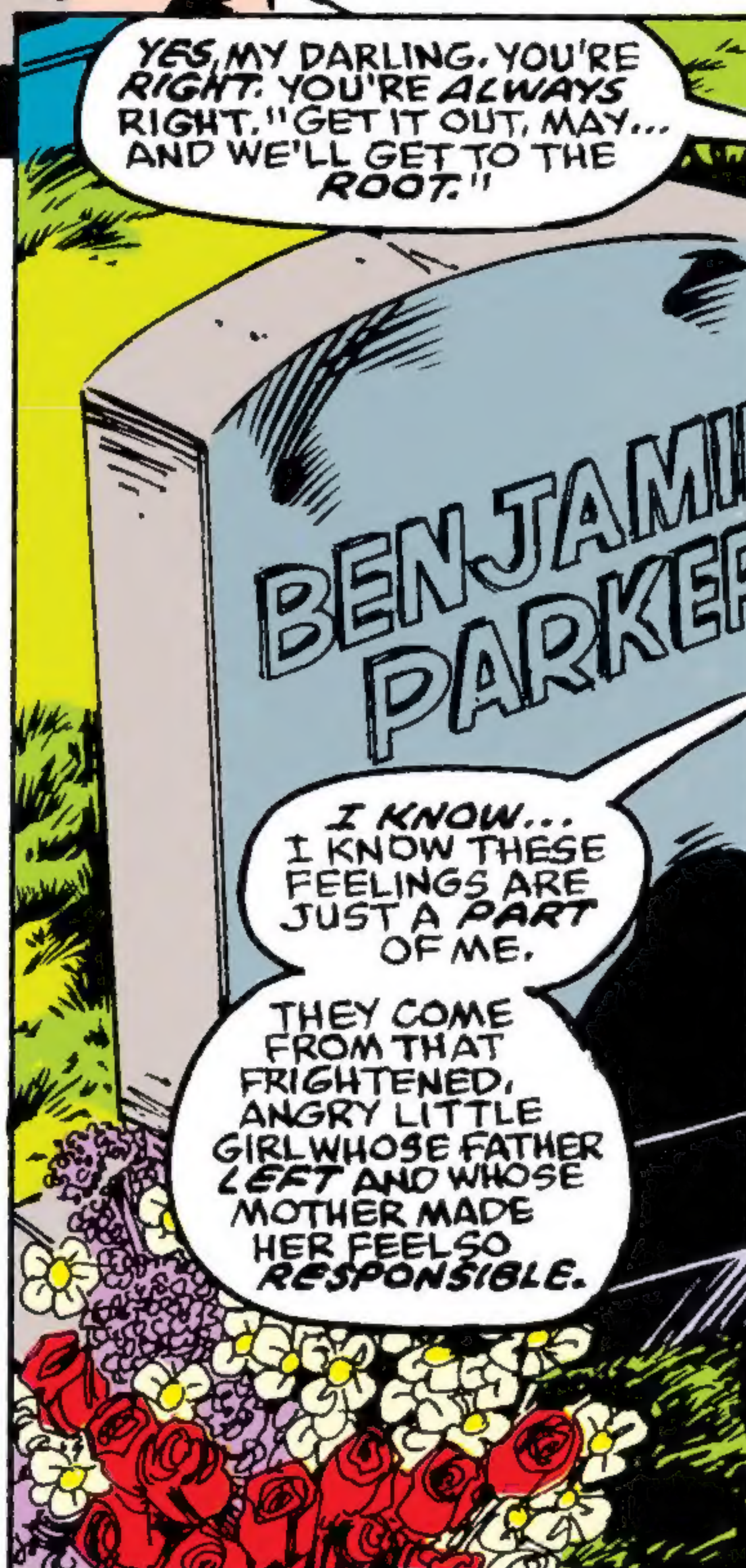


I KNOW IT
DOESN'T MAKE
ANY SENSE...
I KNOW IT'S
WRONG! BUT
THAT'S HOW
I FEEL!

I CURSED
THEM FOR
DYING...
AND NOW--



--NOW
I FIND
MYSELF
CURSING
THEM FOR
COMING
BACK!



YES, MY DARLING, YOU'RE
RIGHT. YOU'RE ALWAYS
RIGHT. "GET IT OUT, MAY...
AND WE'LL GET TO THE
ROOT."

I KNOW...
I KNOW THESE
FEELINGS ARE
JUST A PART
OF ME.

THEY COME
FROM THAT
FRIGHTENED,
ANGRY LITTLE
GIRL WHOSE FATHER
LEFT AND WHOSE
MOTHER MADE
HER FEEL SO
RESPONSIBLE.

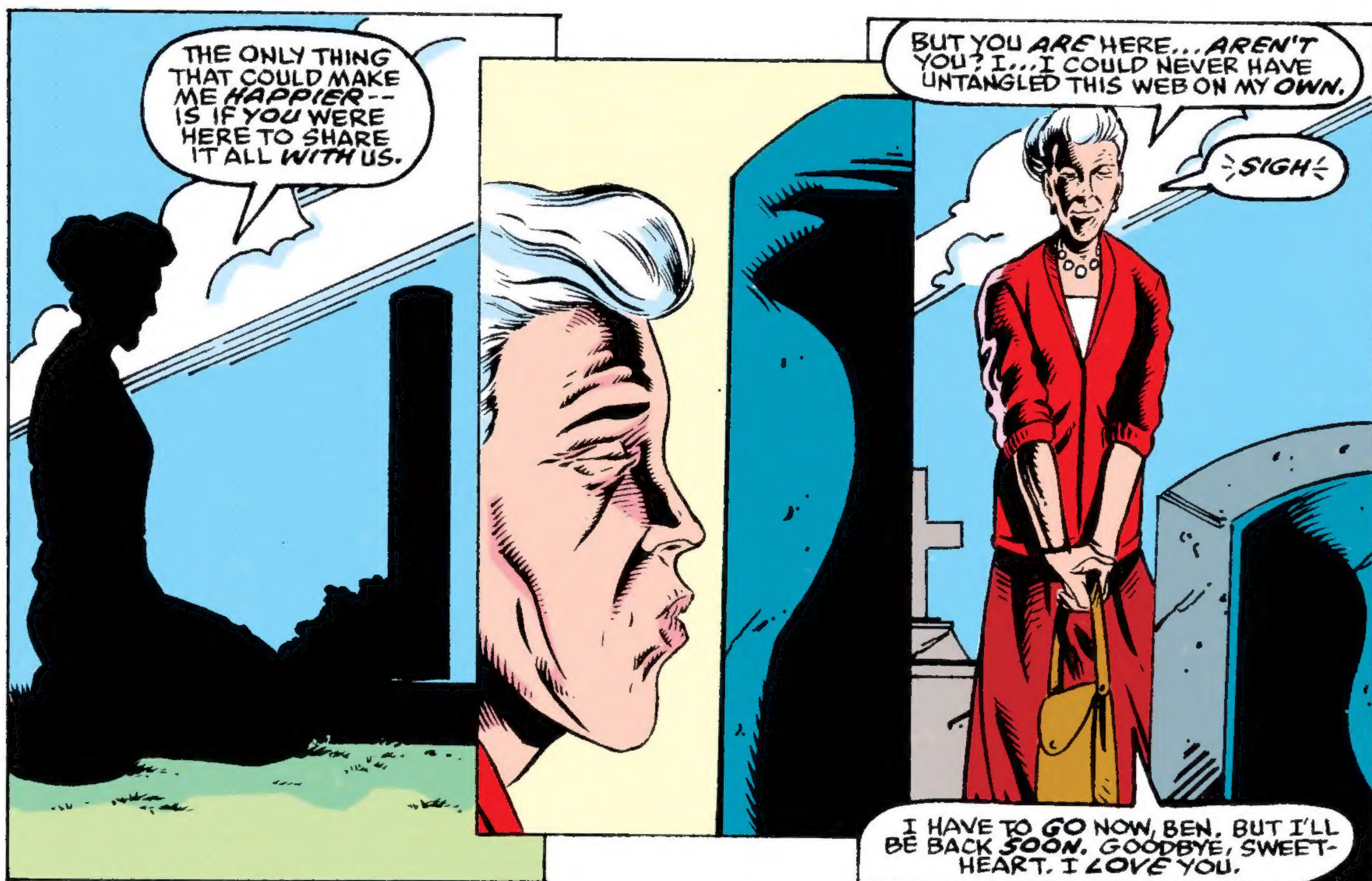


FUNNY, ISN'T IT?
NO MATTER HOW
OLD WE GET...
THESE THINGS
STAY WITH
US.

BUT, YOU
KNOW WHAT
BEN? YOU'VE
HELPED ME SEE
THAT A DEEPER,
TRUER PART OF ME
REALLY IS HAPPY THAT
MARY AND RICHARD
ARE BACK.

MIRACLE
OF MIRACLES!
MAY PARKER'S
HAPPY!

SHE WAS JUST
TOO STUPID
TO SEE IT.





Shadowcat

